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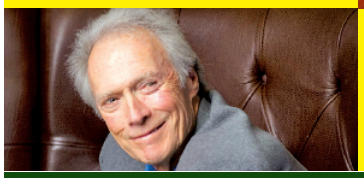

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Chile. Rescue

▶ Officials test the rescue capsule that was to be used to extract the 33 trapped miners at the San Jose Mine in Chile yesterday. Story, Page 4

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Dramatic finale to mine saga

The missile-like capsule set to carry 33 miners to fresh air and freedom was lowered into a nearly half-mile-long rescue tunnel last night. Steam rushed from the hole into the frigid desert air — a sign of the humid, sauna-like conditions the men have endured for 69 days. For updates, visit metronews.ca

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Ignatieff: Don't blame me

Liberal leader scoffs at Conservative suggestions he was responsible for Canada losing bid for coveted UN Security Council seat ◐ Canada's credentials questioned

Canada suffered its second diplomatic black eye in as many days yesterday as it withdrew in defeat from a bid to rejoin the mighty United Nations Security Council — the first time in the powerful panel's 64-year history that the country has failed to secure a seat.

Canada's UN Ambassador John McNee made the announcement after it became clear that Portugal was well on its way to defeating Canada to claim the second of two available spots in the UN's most exclusive and coveted club. Germany won the first seat on the first ballot.

The development represented a significant embarrassment to Prime Minister Stephen Harper, who travelled to New York last month to plead Canada's case.

But despite recent rumblings among member nations about Canada's decidedly Israel-friendly foreign policy, a shortage of aid to Africa and Harper's perceived indifference to the UN, the federal Conservative government almost immediately laid the blame for the loss at the feet of Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff.

"Don't play this blame-game stuff with Canadians. It's an insult to their intelligence."
LIBERAL LEADER MICHAEL IGNATIEFF

Foreign Affairs Minister Lawrence Cannon insisted that Ignatieff's comments last month questioning whether Canada had earned a spot on the council almost single-handedly put the boots to Canada's hopes. Cannon denied any knowledge that other issues might have played a role.

Several ambassadors who emerged from the vote made no mention of Ignatieff's remarks; one had never even heard of him.

Ignatieff, for his part, dismissed the criticism as little more than deflecting blame, and urged the federal government to accept responsibility for the loss.

"The Government of Canada is the Government of Canada; it's their responsibility to win or lose that vote, so any other statement isn't serious," Ignatieff said.

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Carleton kicks off campaign

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▶ Volunteer Anne Bauer dishes up soup at Carleton University's United Way campaign launch.

The inviting aroma of hot soup permeated Porter Hall yesterday as Carleton University kicked off its United Way campaign with the Bring Your Own Bowl soup lunch yesterday.

Campaign co-chair Maria McClintock said the quick, easy, portable meal is the traditional opener at Carleton because it makes it easier for participants to drop in during the hectic campus lunch hour.

The annual campaign, she said, draws the entire Carleton community in.

"We have our students involved, they volunteer and help us out and learn about the United Way. Our faculty and staff organize and participate in the events so it really truly is at Carleton a full community participation, so it's wonderful."

This year's goal, McClintock said, is to raise $150,000 by Nov. 5. The campaign exceeded that same target by $36,000 last year.

Meanwhile, United Way Ottawa yesterday announced that they have so far raised $7,154,000, which is 21.6 per cent of their campaign goal of $33.1 million.

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Candidate appeals to grey voting block

- If elected, Watson says he would support a reduced seniors' bus pass
- Says more retirement homes and long-term care beds are needed

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Ottawa needs to prepare itself for a "massive onslaught of senior citizens," a mayoral candidate said yesterday.

The first candidate to publicly address the issue of Ottawa's aging demographic, Jim Watson said the city has "a lot of work to do."

"I see it when I go to Carlingwood Mall, I see the increased usage of Para Transpo. More of us are becoming senior citizens and we have to be properly planning for the future, which we haven't been."

The city owns a number of long-term care homes and does the maintenance on the sidewalks, as well as run recreation programs," said Watson.

"By 2050, the world is expected to have over six million individuals 100 years of age or older."
MAYORAL CANDIDATE JIM WATSON

Over the next several decades, the percentage of residents in Ottawa 65 and older will double from 12 per cent today to 24 per cent.

"We have a lot of work to do. And what I'm proposing to do in the first year, if I have the honour of being elected, is to bring together experts from across the country and around the city to hold the first-ever seniors' summit.

"We have to be better prepared, we have to learn from others."

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▶ Everything from sidewalks to Para Transpo to recreational programming needs to be considered with seniors in mind, said mayoral candidate Jim Watson.

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Act on human trafficking, officials urged

Criminals using Facebook to recruit underage victims: Author Perrin urges action plan on human trafficking

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On the heels of the largest human trafficking bust in Canadian history in Hamilton this weekend, author Benjamin Perrin is calling on all levels of government to combat modern-day slavery.

Perrin, who will be speaking about his book, Invisible Chains: Canada's Underground World of Human Trafficking, at Ottawa's Booth Building on Oct. 27, said there are alarming cases of Canadian immigrants as young as 13 being sold for sex by criminals.

CONTRIBUTED

Benjamin Perrin

"This is not only appalling, the fact that these people came to Canada looking for a better life and end up in these situations, but it's also a tarnish on Canada's reputation," he said.

Just last year, Ottawa police arrested a woman who was convicted of living off the earnings of her victims, who were recruited in women's shelters and sold for sex.

Perrin is waiting on Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty to "announce immediate action not only on prosecuting traffickers but to provide victims' (assistance) services."

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Turnout slips in advance voting

With a second advance vote day held tomorrow and less than two weeks until the municipal election, 16,857 Ottawa voters have already cast their ballots.

In 2006, just over 24,000 people voted on each of two advance vote days. Voter turnout on election day was a record 54 per cent.

Jon Pammett, a political science professor at Carleton University, said that bigger crowds at advance polls "are not necessarily related to the overall degree of interest in the election because they are likely to be people who would vote anyway."

STEVE COLLINS

300,039
ballots were cast in the 2006 municipal election.

News in brief

Woman serious after wreck

ROLLOVER. Three people were hurt in a single-vehicle rollover on Highway 417 yesterday morning. Firefighters found the vehicle upright near Galetta Side Road, but had to remove all four doors to access the occupants.

One woman is in serious condition.

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Thrift store struck by blaze

INVESTIGATION. Police are investigating a fire at the Salvation Army thrift store at 1010 Belfast Rd. yesterday.

Firefighters found a section of an exterior wall, the roof and some donated items in front of the building on fire. They also extinguished a section of the interior ceiling.

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No charges in woman's death

PEDESTRIAN. No charges will be laid in a fatal pedestrian collision in Orleans late last month, police said yesterday. On Sept. 29, a female pedestrian, 31, was killed after being struck by a dump truck on Navan Road. She arrived at hospital in critical condition and died of her injuries.

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Woman, 81, gets hit by bus

INJURIES. An 81-year-old woman was injured after being struck by an OC Transpo bus at Bank and James streets yesterday afternoon. She was treated for a dislocated shoulder and head and back pain.

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Thanksgiving ticket tally

DRIVING. Police issued 305 tickets to motorists over Thanksgiving weekend.

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The wait for an end to Chilean mine crisis

- Anxiety high as 33 men trapped for 69 days on verge of fresh air, freedom
- Miners were to be lifted to surface one by one starting late last night

ARTURO FIGUEROA
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The first man to be freed from the San José mine was expected to be lifted to the surface late last night after miraculously surviving more than two months below ground, Chile's Mining Minister Laurence Golborne announced.

The minister announced the planned rescue at a news conference near the mine site, saying officials "hope to have at least one of our miners on the surface" before midnight local time. In the meantime, personnel have been carrying out final tests of the equipment used to lift them up to safety. These included testing the human capsule and winching system used to bring the miners up from below one by one, Golborne informed journalists.

Since Aug. 5, the 33 miners have been trapped underground at the San José mine near Copiapó, northern Chile, enduring 68 days of fear, trepidation and yearning for freedom. It is the longest ordeal ever suffered by a group of miners caught underground.

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On Dec. 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception — a holiday in Chile — local authorities in the town of Copiapó near the stricken mine are planning to present each miner with a distinguished citizens' award, the Illustrious Sons of Chile Medal.

METRO CHILE

▶ Workers test the capsule being used to free the miners yesterday.

Concern for miners as Chile preps fiesta

Media outlets at Camp Hope near the mine site reported there was a huge sense of excitement building up among the miners' families. The miners' relatives have been immersed in the grand preparations to welcome Chile's trapped miners upon their rescue.

However, a leading psychologist at the mine has warned that the miners should be received in a most appropriate fashion, allowing them to enjoy a considerable period of serious rest before any major partying.

Alberto Iturra, the chief of the psychologists' team supporting the trapped miners, along with members of the Chilean Security Association, wants to put a damper on the impending festivities, recommending a minimum rest period of 15 days for the miners upon their rescue.

"The miners should pay no attention to invitations from people who haven't gone through what they have. To be exposed to a situation involving unreserved celebrating is clearly unwise," said the Chilean psychologist.

Festivities

- Despite medical officials' warnings of restraint, towns and villages across Chile are revving up their plans for major festivities to greet the rescued miners.
- In the south of the country, the province of Ranco is preparing in earnest to rejoice in native Juan Carlos Aguilar's safe return, organizing a massive reception in honour of their miner hero.
- Relatives and friends of Jimmy Sánchez, 19, the youngest trapped miner, are set to host a "mega-party" to celebrate the imminent rescue of the 33 miners trapped 700 metres deep in the San José mine.

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B.C. sex workers get OK to fight prostitution law

Comes on heels of Ontario judge striking down prostitution laws Group considering safety factors

A retired B.C. prostitute and a group representing sex-trade workers on Vancouver's Downtown Eastside will be able to move forward with their court challenge of Canada's anti-prostitution laws.

In a ruling released yesterday, the B.C. Court of Appeal set aside a lower court's conclusion that the two didn't have standing to challenge the case because only active sex workers could be named in the action. The court concluded Sheryl Kiselbach and the Downtown Eastside Sex Workers United Against Violence Society have a public interest right to challenge the laws. The B.C. case was first launched in 2007, but the new ruling comes just weeks after an Ontario Superior Court judge on another case struck down the three laws that criminalize most sex work in that province. Kiselbach said it's important their case go forward in B.C., even though the Ontario case could be appealed to the Supreme Court of Canada, because for now, that ruling is binding only in Ontario.

Kiselbach said she envisions prostitutes working in some type of home so they can get off the streets.

"I would just like people to be able to work indoors together without fear of the law instead of having car dates. Car dates are extremely dangerous," she told a news conference, saying sex workers must have control over how they meet clients. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Legal, but ...

- Prostitution in Canada is technically legal, but there are prohibitions on keeping a bawdy house, communicating for the purposes of prostitution or living off the avails of prostitution in B.C. Those laws force sex workers onto the streets, where they face an increased risk of violence, Sheryl Kiselbach says.

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Payment amounts owers term of up to 84 months. At months 61-73 or 25-61 customers may (i) exercise option to return vehicle for sale by Ally Credit if applicable conditions are met, including payment of $139; disposal fee and any excess wear/km charges, (ii) continue at initial payment amount for remainder of amortization term, or (iii) trade-in vehicle to dealer. Example: $17,595@2.99%/$18,998@3.99%/$20,398@4.99%/$21,998 at 5.99%/$23,998@6.99%/$25,398 at 7.99%/$26,998@8.99%/$28,398 at 9.99%/$29,998@10.99%/$31,398 at 11.99%/$32,998@12.99%/$34,398 at 13.99%/$35,998@14.99%/$37,398 at 15.99%/$38,998@16.99%/$40,398 at 17.99%/$41,998@18.99%/$43,398 at 19.99%/$44,998@20.99%/$46,398 at 21.99%/$47,998@22.99%/$49,398 at 23.99%/$50,998@24.99%/$52,398 at 25.99%/$53,998@26.99%/$55,398 at 27.99%/$56,998@28.99%/$58,398 at 29.99%/$59,998@30.99%/$61,398 at 31.99%/$62,998@32.99%/$64,398 at 33.99%/$65,998@34.99%/$67,398 at 35.99%/$68,998@36.99%/$70,398 at 37.99%/$71,998@38.99%/$73,398 at 39.99%/$74,998@40.99%/$76,398 at 41.99%/$77,998@42.99%/$79,398 at 43.99%/$80,998@44.99%/$82,398 at 45.99%/$83,998@46.99%/$85,398 at 47.99%/$86,998@48.99%/$88,398 at 49.99%/$89,998@50.99%/$91,398 at 51.99%/$92,998@52.99%/$94,398 at 53.99%/$95,998@54.99%/$97,398 at 55.99%/$98,998@56.99%/$100,398 at 57.99%/$101,998@58.99%/$103,398 at 59.99%/$104,998@60.99%/$106,398 at 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Kim's son opposes transfer

Kim Jong Nam against father's choice for N. Korea succession

The casino-loving eldest son of North Korea's Kim Jong Il — once tipped to succeed him before trying to sneak into Japan to go to Disneyland — says he opposes a hereditary transfer of power to his youngest half-brother.

It's the first public sign of discord in the tightly choreographed succession process, though analysts said Kim Jong Nam spends so much time outside his native land that his opinion carries little weight. The chubby 39-year-old Kim, the oldest of three brothers who were in the running to take over secretive North Korea, is the closest thing the country has to a playboy.

Unlike many of his countrymen back home who lack the resources and connections to travel overseas, Kim travels freely and spends much of his time in China or the country's special autonomous region of Macau — the centre of Asian gambling with its casinos.

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Caught out

Kim Jong Nam is widely believed to have fallen out of favour after embarrassing the government in 2001 by being caught trying to enter Japan on a fake passport, saying he wanted to visit Tokyo Disneyland.

Abroad Experts said Kim Jong Nam will most likely continue living abroad, with fewer reasons to return to Pyongyang.

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▶ Kim Jong Nam

NFL. Favre scandal

▶ Jenn Sterger works on the sideline before the New York Jets play the New England Patriots in an NFL football game in East Rutherford, N. J., in this file shot from September.

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League eyes allegations

Last week, the website Deadspin posted a story which included several voicemails and graphic images allegedly sent by quarterback Brett Favre to former New York Jets game hostess Jenn Sterger. NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell says the league is still looking to "find out all the facts."

Italy under fire for Catholic tax breaks

Who for?

The EU didn't specify whether the tax breaks were for the Italian Catholic Church or the Vatican, which has extensive real estate in Rome.

The European Commission has placed Italy under investigation for granting tax breaks to the Catholic Church for church-run clinics and hostels amid complaints the exemptions give the church an unfair economic advantage over rivals.

While stressing that it was not prejudging the investigation's outcome, the commission said yesterday it believed the exemptions violate EU rules on state subsidies and could distort competition.

The Italian government has a month to respond before the commission makes a decision. If it rules against Italy, the EU could order Italy to demand that the church reimburse the government.

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▶ Gap Inc. has decided to keep its decades-old white-on-navy blue logo, just one week after the company swapped it online for a new logo without saying a word

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GAP goes back to blue

The casualwear chain will keep its well-known logo after all. The move comes one week after the company swapped it online for a new logo. The new one irritated fans, spurring complaints on Twitter and Facebook.

Exports key for small businesses

A new study suggests more Canadian small businesses need to turn their attention towards exports in order to thrive.

The report by CIBC found only nine per cent of small- and mid-size companies are involved in exports, a decrease from 10.7 per cent in 2000.

CIBC economist Benjamin Tal says smaller businesses that focused on the domestic market did fare better during the recession. But he says times have changed and the same small businesses should now shift their focus outside Canada's borders as more opportunities emerge.

The report says small businesses are responsible for about one-third the value of total Canadian exports.

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Feds to balance budget in five years: Flaherty

- Ottawa deficit hit a record $55.6 billion last year
- No new spending or cost-cutting measures in update

Ottawa suffered the biggest deficit in history last year at $55.6 billion, but Finance Minister Jim Flaherty says the government remains on track to balance the budget in just over five years.

In a fiscal update delivered yesterday, Flaherty said Ottawa is roughly on track with its projections for spending and revenues and will record its first surplus in eight years in 2015-16.

"The plan to bring the budget back to balance will ensure that the federal debt, measured relative to the size of the economy, resumes its downward track by 2012-13," Flaherty told a lunch hosted by the Mississauga Chinese Business Association.

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▶ Jim Flaherty

"Our government's commitment to return to balanced budgets stems from our fundamental belief that the private sector ... must be Canada's economic engine of growth, not government."

Unlike in some past years, the government unveiled no new spending or cost-cutting measures in the update, but it did contain some surprises.

Owing to a one-time cost of $5.6 billion for transitional assistance to Ontario and British Columbia to change to a harmonized sales tax this year, the 2009-2010 deficit hit a record $55.6 billion.

That's $1.8 billion more than budgeted for in March and about $10 billion more than the previous biggest in the early 1990s.

But this year's deficit — the 2010-11 period — is expected to be $3.7 billion less than the $49.2 billion shortfall previously projected.

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Best Buy to ramp up holiday hires

Electronics retailer Best Buy says it will hire 2,000 seasonal workers across Canada for the hectic holiday shopping season.

The move will increase its Canadian workforce by more than 35 per cent during the one of the busiest times of the year for retailers.

Best Buy Canada has more than 6,500 employees at its 70 stores across the country.

The announcement comes on the heels of a similar hiring push at fellow Canadian electronics giant Future Shop, which said it would hire 4,000 seasonal staff.

Both companies are owned by U.S. retailer Best Buy Co.

Retailers have been increasing their staff numbers in recent weeks in preparation for the holidays, an encouraging sign that many expect brisk sales.

Earlier this month Toys R Us said it would double it workforce by hiring 45,000 seasonal employees in the United States.

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Market moment

PRICES AS OF 5 P.M. YESTERDAY

TSX	Dollar
+ 40.05 (12,575.64)	+ 0.07¢ (98.95¢ US)

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HIGH NOON FOR ORGANIZED RELIGION

Just sayin'

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Toronto has become quite the staging ground for what's left of western culture.

First, we had Hollywood North, a.k.a. the Toronto International Film Festival, which rivals, even surpasses, Cannes for celebrity sightings.

Now we have Oxford West, in which two famous Brits will go at it hammer and tong over this $64,000 question: "Be it resolved, religion is a force of good for the world."

For the affirmative: Former U.K. prime minister Tony Blair, who has come out of the closet as an unapologetic Roman Catholic; and for the negative: Christopher Hitchens, the world's foremost godless heathen.

It will be High Noon for organized religion, (Exalted Noon?) or more accurately 7 p.m. Nov. 26 at Roy Thomson Hall, this year's edition of the Munk lectures, sponsored by our most eminent gold digger, Peter Munk. Maybe he should have had them debate that other famous theological question: Is it easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than it is for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven?

Here in Vancouver, where Justin Bieber is next up, we can only watch from afar, with awe. Blair is the author of the No. 1 bestselling memoir on the stands at the moment, and Hitchens is notoriously the author of God Is NOT Great: How Religion Poisons Everything, which singlehandedly spawned a movement called the New Atheism. These guys got game.

Actually, I don't know if religion has anything to do with it, but Blair looked fabulous — fit and hearty — on Letterman the other night, while Hitchens looks just terrible: Overweight, haggard and grim. It doesn't help that he is undergoing chemotherapy for esophageal cancer, but years of excess have taken their toll.

It also doesn't help that he's probably the world's most hated man: Long a left-wing gadfly, he was abandoned by the left for throwing his support behind the war on terror. Whereas the right doesn't know what to do with him since he's spent most of his adult life bashing the right's favourite poster girl, Mother Theresa, for being a sanctimonious hypocrite. He's an equal opportunity curmudgeon.

I'm not sure who is adjudicating the debate: Pope Benedict? Bill Maher? Osama bin Laden by remote from his cave? Madonna?

And I'm not sure how you score points — Jihad: Zero? Christmas: 8 out of 10? Speaking in tongues: Just weird?

Never mind. Break out the good sherry, this is exactly the kind of cultural imperialism we need more of: MMA for nerds! Intellectual Smackdown!

Nobody asked me, but this beats So You Think You Can Dance, Eh? all to … heck.

Just sayin'.

Read more of Paul Sullivan's columns at metronews.ca/justsaying

Cartoon

MICHAEL DE ADDER

California homegrown

Worth mentioning

Budding entrepreneurs

Mexico's drug traffickers are likely to lose customers in America's largest pot consuming state if California legalizes marijuana, but they won't lose much money overall because California's residents already prefer to grow their own, according to a study released yesterday.

That means the proposal on the state's November ballot to legalize marijuana also will do little to quell the drug gangs' violent and sophisticated organizations that generate billions of dollars a year, according to the study by the nonpartisan RAND Drug Policy Research Center.

Californians, who make up one-seventh of the U.S. marijuana market, already are farming marijuana at a much higher rate than in neighbouring states and tend to buy domestic rather than smuggled marijuana, the study found.

California voters will decide next month whether to legalize and tax their own recreational use of marijuana.

The measure is being closely watched in Mexico, where more than 28,000 people have died in drug violence since Mexico's President Felipe Calderon launched his crackdown on organized crime in late 2006.

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Should marijuana be legalized? Why or why not?

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Metro Minute with Philatelic Treasures

Check out Philatelic Treasures from Liechtenstein, which opened at the Canadian Postal Museum, located within the Canadian Museum of Civilization, last week. The exhibition showcases 27 first-day covers and postcards from the little country of Liechtenstein. Installed in the Postal Museum's Collectors' Corner, the exhibit was developed by private collector and longtime museum volunteer Joe Murray in collaboration with staff. The Canadian Postal Museum is "a terrific place for all Canadians to learn about other parts of the world," said museum president and CEO Dr. Victor Rabinovitch. The exhibit runs through February 2011. ● TRACEY TONG

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▶ The stamps in Philatelic Treasures from Liechtenstein feature a variety of subjects, including the 2010 Vancouver Olympics, Vaduz Castle, the Alps, and members of Liechtenstein's royal family.

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Together again

When Conan O'Brien debuts his new, late night talk show on TBS he'll have an old friend and colleague by his side. Andy Richter will serve as sidekick on Conan. Richter said he's "thrilled" to be working with O'Brien and he's most exited about "getting out of the house again." The Tonight Show. Conan will premiere Monday, Nov. 8, at 11 p.m. on TBS.

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Hockey movie 'Goon' to begin shooting in Winnipeg later this week

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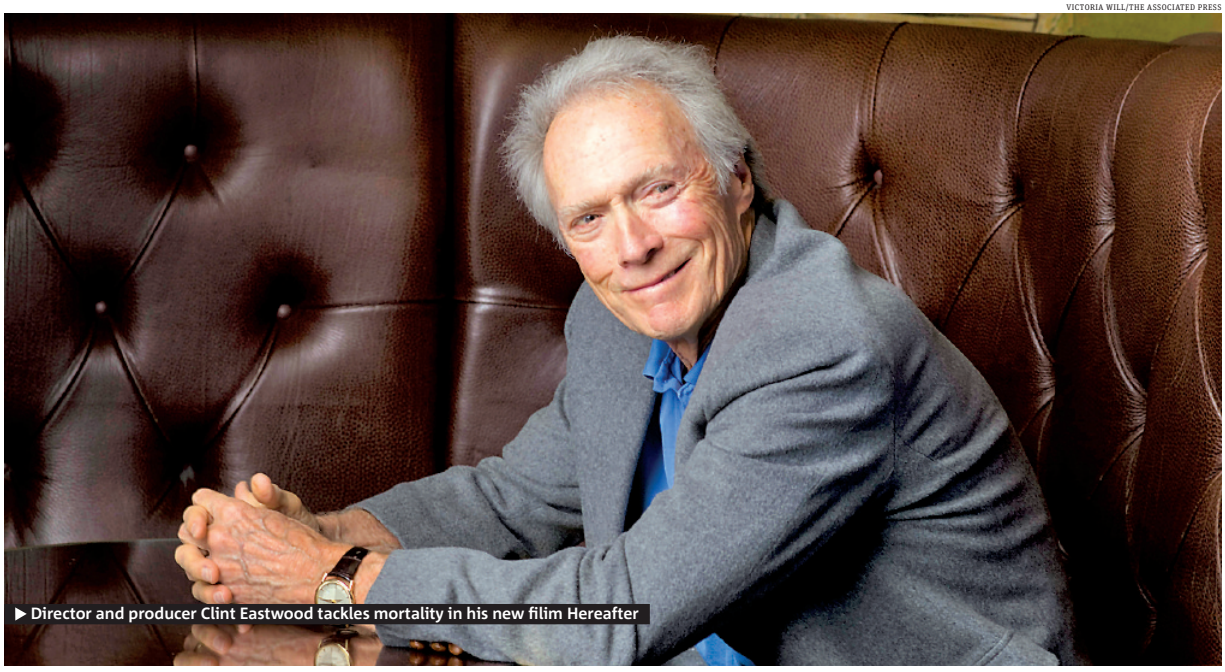

▶ Director and producer Clint Eastwood tackles mortality in his new filim Hereafter

Eastwood looking towards the afterlife

Clint Eastwood ponders mortality with Hereafter, muses about his turning 80 this year Director has lots to live up to with past successes

Clint Eastwood, who turned 80 this year, recalls how his longtime production designer Henry Bumstead once answered a question about growing old.

Bumstead, who kept working until his death four years ago at 91, replied: "Oh, to be 80 again."

"I thought, yeah, that's it," Eastwood said in an interview at the Warner Bros. office he has occupied since 1976. "When I'm 80, I'll be saying, 'Oh, to be 70 again,' or something like that."

The prolific director, who entered a career peak in his 70s with such films as Million Dollar Baby and Mystic River, said he aims to keep working as long as he's able and gives little thought to mortality, the subject of his new drama Hereafter, which follows three characters searching for answers about life after death.

"I don't think too much about it. I don't feel any different than I did at 70"
CLINT EASTWOOD

Now that he is 80, how old does he feel? "Eighteen," Eastwood jokes, before dismissing the age issue with a shrug.

"I don't think too much about it. I don't feel any different than I did at 70," Eastwood said. "Whatever I feel internally, now is the best age for me, because I feel better now, I guess because I've lived a lot of life. I've been able to accomplish a certain amount of things, and I haven't beaten anybody up doing it. So I'm OK about it."

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Johnny's living memorial

In crowd-sourced video, the great Johnny Cash is being remembered one brushstroke at a time

One brushstroke at a time, The Johnny Cash Project is gathering illustrations submitted by fans online into a living portrait of the country music legend.

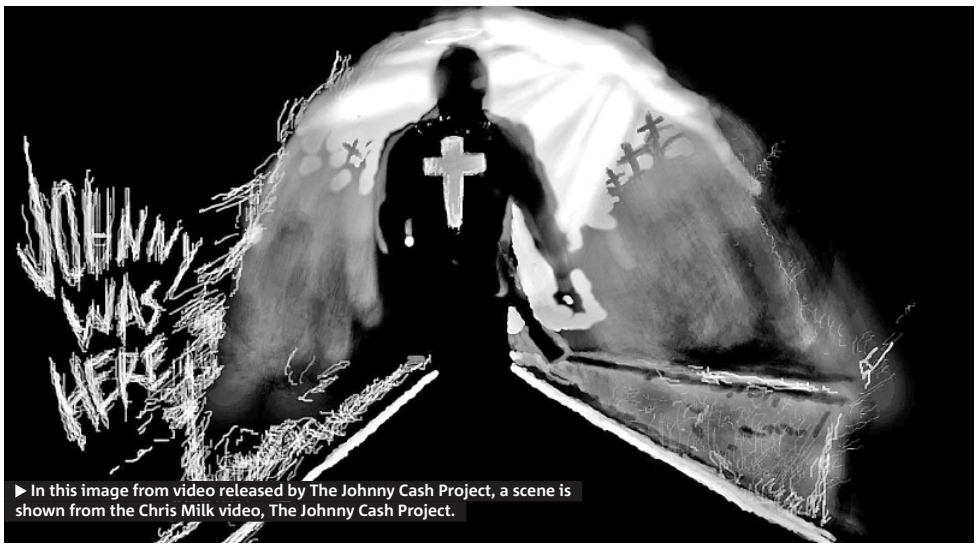
The project is a unique Web-only music video where every frame is a fan-created drawing. Directed by Chris Milk, it's set to Cash's Ain't No Grave, the title track from the posthumous album released earlier this year.

Work on the project — a complex mix of software design and editing — began last September. The website launched in March. After more than 250,000 submissions, a broadcast version of the video has been released for TV stations and eligibility for 2010 Grammy nominations.

"He's singing about the eternal life of his spirit, and the way his spirit lives on is through all of his collective fans."
DIRECTOR OF THE JOHNNY CASH PROJECT, CHRIS MILK

For Milk, who has directed videos for Kanye West and Gnarls Barkley, the project is a "living memorial" that befits the song. In it, Cash sings, "There ain't no grave gonna hold my body down."

"He's singing about the eternal life of his spirit, and the way his spirit lives on is through all of his collective fans," says Milk. "This project becomes a physical manifestation of his fans' love."



▶ In this image from video released by The Johnny Cash Project, a scene is shown from the Chris Milk video, The Johnny Cash Project.

Though the response hasn't been as considerable for Ain't No Grave, Milk hopes the broadcast release will attract more attention. Lou Robin, Cash's longtime manager who handles business affairs for the Johnny Cash Estate, said the Cash Estate was pleased with the video as a memorial.

There are numerous versions, including edits that gather the most realistic illustrations, the most abstract drawings and the highest-rated frames. Each frame is labeled with the artist, and all contributors are listed in the credits.
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Yoko Ono: Imagining John Lennon again

Ono curates exhibit of Lennon's artwork in SoHo, New York

▶ Yoko Ono has taken to Twitter to communicate her message to her fans.

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The widow of a man who inspired the world over has become a legend in equal measure. Just having passed what would've been Lennon's 70th birthday on Oct. 9, and the 30th anniversary of his murder on Dec. 8, Ono is now curating an exhibition of his poems and drawings, which will be on display in SoHo, New York City. The exhibit is to benefit New York's charity food organization Citymeals-on-Wheels.

Still so full of energy for her work, Ono took a few minutes to chat with Metro about continuing the legacy of Lennon's message of world peace ... on Twitter.

In getting the exhibit together, did you unearth any new drawings?

There are some things I haven't seen in a long time but mostly I'm very aware of all the stuff because I'm working on it all the time.

Is there anything you decided to keep for yourself that will never be seen by the public?

I haven't come across something like that yet. Most of the time, I become very involved in selecting the pieces and I always choose something I think is really good and worthwhile to share.

Every week on Twitter, you answer 50 questions submitted by your followers. Why did you decide to do that?

It's a novel means of communication but still very important. Through Twitter, we can exchange our thoughts and ideas. I'm very into it.

What has been the result of interacting with people on Twitter?

Well, I think it works in some ways. Each time I'm on it, I discover people who are in one way or another from the global family of peace. I'm always trying to find an opportunity to say, 'Imagine peace.' Even when I don't say that, they know that's what I'm thinking — that's the most important thing.

As Oct. 9 would have been John Lennon's 70th birthday, do you ever feel weary by all the reminiscing?

It does weigh me down all the time but when I think about it, I believe this is worth doing and I think I should do it. The other side of the coin is that I do in fact enjoy organizing this exhibit.

In the song I'm a star, what was drawn from your own experience?

That song is my experience, through and through. I had a very hard life. I'm amazed that I survived. You don't know what widows go through. Nobody wants to be a widow. Nobody thinks that one day they'll be a widow, but now I can meet all the other widows and realise all the other widows in the world have gone through so much. You just don't know what they went through and still are going through. And of course it's not just the widows. There are so many women in the world right now who are suffering or being killed, or even taking a valuable step towards freedom.

Kiss called off

Flamboyant rocker agrees to turn down the heat for Malaysian concert
Becomes one of a list of musicians to tailor performance for country

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Former American Idol runner-up Adam Lambert

Adam Lambert pledged yesterday to obey Malaysian government rules that forbid the flamboyant, openly gay glam rocker from kissing anyone onstage at a planned concert this week, but called it "a tough decision."

The American Idol runner-up, who is touring Asia, told The Associated Press in Hong Kong that his "main goal is to keep people entertained - not to make them uncomfortable."

Lambert is slated to perform Thursday at a stadium in Muslim-majority Malaysia's biggest city, Kuala Lumpur.

Lambert has agreed to heed restrictions against stripping, jumping and kissing onstage, said Yuen-See Cho, a representative for concert co-organizer Sony Music Entertainment Malaysia.

"It's something I'm doing out of respect," Lambert stated in an interview with the AP that took place before his Hong Kong concert.

"It's just one little thing. Man kissing another man is something that government really doesn't appreciate."

"I think it's a tough decision to make, but to me, there are so many amazing fans in Malaysia that it's more important for me to be able to come and do my show there for them and entertain them and thank them for supporting me," he added

Lambert is known to sometimes lock lips with a male musician during his concerts. At last year's American Music Awards, he also dragged a female dancer around by the ankles and had a dancer simulate oral sex on him.

The 28-year-old's planned concert has drawn objections from the opposition Pan-Malaysian Islamic Party, which in the past also criticized concerts by Gwen Stefani, Avril Lavigne and other artists it considers to be bad role models for youngsters. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Gorillaz stay Glee-free

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Gorillaz frontman Damon Albarn

Lead singer calls show's hits 'a very poor substitute for the real thing'

The virtual band Gorillaz isn't exactly going bananas over the television musical series Glee.

Lead singer Damon Albarn says he's not interested in letting the hit show perform covers of his band's songs.

"We wouldn't let that happen," Albarn said in an interview with The Associated Press last week.

"And not that they've asked us because they haven't, and now they definitely won't," he continued with a laugh.

Gorillaz is best known for their Grammy-winning jam Feel Good Inc., which features De La Soul. The group released two platinum-selling albums, and their latest, Plastic Beach, was released to the public in March.

Glee, the Fox television musical series about a high school glee club, recently premiered its second season. The show features cover songs from a slew of top artists, including episodes based on performers like Madonna and Britney Spears.

Gorillaz kicked off the North American leg of their Escape to Plastic Beach World Tour earlier this month. It wraps up in Vancouver on Nov. 3. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Musician pleads not guilty to drinking and driving charges

A lawyer for rocker Vince Neil entered not guilty pleas for the Motley Crue singer on misdemeanour drunken driving and speeding charges.

Attorney Richard Schonfeld said Monday his 49-year-old client didn't have to appear for the pleas in Las Vegas Justice Court. Trial was set for Jan. 6.

Neil is accused of having a blood-alcohol content of 0.08 per cent and driving his Lamborghini sports car 60 mph in a 45 mph zone before he was stopped by police on June 27 near the Las Vegas Strip.

The state's legal limit for drivers is 0.08 per cent.

Neil, whose hits with Motley Crue include Girls, Girls, Girls and Dr. Feelgood, lives with his fourth wife in Las Vegas. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Vince Neil

BET awards aim to honour

They are of different genres and different generations, yet Ruby Dee and Missy Elliott will be among those honoured as part of the Black Girls Rock! awards show on BET.

Besides the legendary actress and the rapper-singer-producer, other honorees include actresses Keke Palmer, Raven-Symone and author Ilyana Vanzant.

Black Girls Rock! is an organization founded by DJ Beverly Bond.

It mentors young black girls and works to combat negative images of black women in the media.

Though there have been previous Black Girls Rock! awards shows, this will be the first to air nationally.

The ceremony, to be held Saturday, will air Nov.7. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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▶ Actor T.R. Knight

Knight shows nerves

Former Grey's castmember stars in theatrical salute to stage and actors

Even with his name up in lights on a Broadway marquee, former Grey's Anatomy star T.R. Knight is achingly insecure.

The fact that he's now starring — and getting equal billing — with the mighty Patrick Stewart in a David Mamet play hasn't chased away the 37-year-old actor's gnawing fear that it could all be taken away.

"You wonder if they pulled the name from the right list," he says, only half-joking, during an interview in the empty Gerald Schoenfeld Theatre. "I haven't been canned yet. But you never know."

Some of Knight's self-effacement might be due to a bronchial infection that's sapping his strength. Some of it may be simply due to his apparent ego-less personality. But much of it is the result of the ups and downs of a show biz career that began at age five.

"You set your expectations low so you're not disappointed and then something like this happens and it's fantastic. So then you go to the next job and it's like, 'Now I'll never work again,'" he says. "We choose a job where we're rejected 99 per cent of the time. We have to be just completely bonkers in order to do that."

Knight might not be appearing on Broadway in A Life in the Theatre if he hadn't last year walked away from his role as Dr. George O'Malley on on the ABC medical drama.

He asked to be released from his contract early after realizing his part was not fulfilling.

"It was time to go," Knight says of his decision. "Looking back, I learned so much and it was so valuable. But there are times in anybody's job where you feel the best decision is to move on. It doesn't detract from the knowledge that I gained, and it doesn't detract from my gratitude."

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Mad Men mania

Metro chats with Mad Men co-stars Jon Hamm and Elisabeth Moss about the shows enormous success and its undeniable influence on pop culture.

Mad Men has received critical acclaim across the globe. How do you explain its incredible success?

Elisabeth Moss: I think it all started with amazing writing and the show's concept that proved to be very seductive. It then became a more deep and subtle story about the characters themselves.

Jon Hamm: The reason the show works is because it is about people. The characters are not defined by the time or space but by their personality and the relationships they have with one another. I think that is what's keeping people glued to the show.

Mad Men even seems to have influenced fashion this year...

Jon Hamm: It's a great compliment to our show to think that the first season of Mad Men could have been an inspiration to fashion. I must say that both men and women had a very sexy look back then. Paying attention to your style is a good thing. We damn sure moved far away from that in the nineties.

What common traits you do share with your characters?

Elisabeth Moss: As an actor, you can't help but bring a part of yourself into the character, even if I'm very different from Peggy in real life. Still, there is a lot of me in her.

Jon Hamm: I don't have a tremendous amount of common traits with Don Draper. But I do believe there are similarities between our characters in the show. Peggy and Don both have a lot of ambition. They have a desire to excel, and go above and beyond. In my life I have the desire to succeed and to achieve. But at the end of the day, when I get home, I'm happy to leave Don on set. METRO

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▶ Jon Hamm, left, and Elisabeth Moss, right, star in AMC's Mad Men

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TV picks

Awkward encounters abound

COMEDY. It's a night of sensitive conversations. Claire tries to stop Phil from giving an unfunny speech while Mitchell tries to get Cameron to modify his wardrobe on Modern Family. And a new episode of Cougar Town follows, in which Grayson decides to tell Jules about his fling with Laurie. (Citytv, ABC)

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Undercovers in Ireland

ACTION J.J. Abrams' husband-and-wife spy show Undercovers takes a trip to Ireland in tonight's episode. The couple find themselves searching for a prisoner who can help them locate a vital CIA hard drive. (Citytv, NBC)

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▶ Outlaw star Jimmy Smits

Outlaw is out

The new Jimmy Smits drama Outlaw is headed for Saturday night and then oblivion.

NBC said Monday that the series will air at 8 p.m. EDT Saturday through Nov. 15, with a pre-emption on Oct. 30. Then the show will be off the network's schedule.

Ratings for Outlaw dwindled on Friday nights after a respectable showing last month for the first episode.

It debuted on a Wednesday night after the finale of summertime hit America's Got Talent but couldn't convert the coattails introduction into success.

Production on Outlaw has been suspended.

The legal drama had an unlikely premise, with Smits as a U.S. Supreme Court justice who quits the high court to return to his own private practice.

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Splice seeks DVD success

Director hopes sci-fi flick finds new life with recent release ‘This was an unusual movie’

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▶ Sarah Polley in a scene from Splice, being released on DVD Tuesday.

Splice was a hit at the Canadian box office, but director Vincenzo Natali feels the harrowing sci-fi film should have done even better and thinks it may find a whole new audience with its released on DVD today.

“This is a movie that a lot of people will feel more comfortable watching quietly alone at home than they will in a public venue, because there is the sort of sexual component to it,” Natali said recently in a telephone interview from his adopted home of Los Angeles.

“I always thought it was going to be perceived as something left-of-centre, and in some respects very transgressive and odd.”
VINCENZO NATALI, DIRECTOR

“I can think of a lot of examples of movies that have that — that don’t really, in North America, play big theatrically, but then have this sort of extended life on DVD.”

Splice raked in more than $2 million at the Canadian box office — a veritable smash. It also took in a modest $17 million in the U.S.

But those numbers were still far less than the Canadian director expected given the slick $25 million production, stellar cast of Sarah Polley and Adrien Brody, and studio-backed marketing push.

Natali says Warner Brothers spent roughly $25 million marketing Splice and notes that a $17 million haul is relatively paltry south of the border.

“It really should have done double that,” Natali says of the U.S. receipts, just a portion of the film’s worldwide take.

“If it had done double that we would have called it a hit. As it was, I think no one loses money, but it doesn’t make it a hit, unfortunately.”

Splice — a Canada-France co-production — earned sharply divisive reviews when it landed in theatres with a worst-case-scenario take on genetic testing and grotesque sexual twists.

“This was an unusual movie and it was never really intended to be a mainstream hit,” said Natali, who has a view of the Hollywood sign from his rented house. “I always thought it was going to be perceived as something left-of-centre, and in some respects very transgressive and odd.”

The film focuses on a pair of rock star scientists who secretly develop a human/animal hybrid that quickly evolves into a surprisingly complex and captivating creature.

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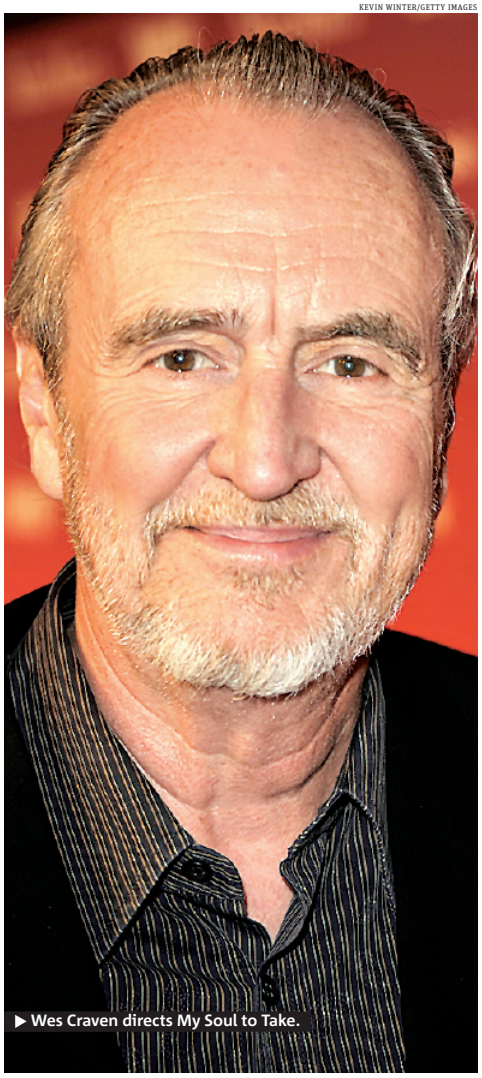

▶ Wes Craven directs My Soul to Take.

Craven gives his Soul to new 3-D technology

Horror legend admits he doesn't want to be left behind with new style

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My Soul to Take marks the first feature film Wes Craven has directed since 2005's Red Eye, and the horror auteur has learned a valuable lesson during that time: He's happier making his own films than he is running a company.

"There was long period where I had a little company, and we were developing projects and so forth," he says. "And there was a point — and I think about where I got the idea for this film — where I was feeling like, 'You should be writing and directing films and leave it at that.' So it was just kind of like, get back to your basics and stop having to kind of push other people to be creative in a way that you like when it's just easier to do it yourself. And better."

My Soul to Take also marks Craven's first foray into 3-D, something he is the first to admit he was resistant to, especially since it wasn't shot that way.

"It was done totally as a 2-D film. We never thought of 3-D," he says.

The idea came from folks at studio after some executive shuffling.

"They approached me and said, 'How about 3-D? We would love to do it in 3-D,'" he remembers.

"Yes, there was a lot of pressure. There was never, like, 'We're not going to release the film if you don't.' But it was just, 'Would you just give it an honest look.' And that was back around the time when Clash of the Titans had just come out and Roger Ebert was saying it was the worst thing that had ever happened to cinema. And my first impulse was I'm never going to say yes."

But a visit to the company that had converted Clash of the Titans to 3-D changed his mind — and illuminated a lot of the problems in the controversial world of post-converting films to 3-D.

"They explained in great detail how the showing of a 3-D movie has to be done very carefully, and it's all new kind of infrastructure and new processes and skills down at the theater level," he says.

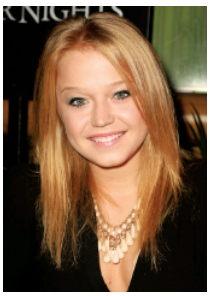
"And that is a huge part of the success or failure of 3-D, is that it is shown right. You are going into a pipeline that ends in these theaters that are getting new equipment in, and there's a learning curve."

More than anything, though, Craven admits he just doesn't want to get left behind.

"Everything I'm reading about it is that this is not something from the '50s that they're just trying again for the hell of it," he says.

"I think we're into a world where 3-D is emerging and it's going to be here. I want to be the man that's on the boat, not standing on the dock when the boat sails away."

My Soul to Take



Actress Paulina Olszynski, who stars in Wes Craven's My Soul To Take, is getting strong reviews for her performance — the same can't be said for the film

- **Previous work** Paulina Olszynski has previously appeared on CSI: Miami, Gary UnMarried and Two and a Half Men but this is her first major motion picture.
- **Other cast members** Henry Hopper, son of late actor Dennis Hopper, was originally cast in the lead role of Adam Bug Hellerman, but was replaced by Max Thieriot after Hopper contracted mononucleosis.
- **Other cast members** Accompanying Thieriot is John Magaro as Alex Dunkelman, Adam's friend who is abused regularly by his sadistic boorish stepfather, Quint (Lou Sumrall)

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▶ Oliver Stone, left, and Michael Douglas, right

Douglas ailing, Stone

Director Olive Stone tells press he is concerned about actor's physical state Douglas to reprise award-winning role in Wall Street sequel

Director Oliver Stone said yesterday he is worried about the health of actor Michael Douglas, who is battling throat cancer.

Douglas, who reprised his role as stock trader Gordon Gekko in Stone's latest film Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps, is in a "precarious" state of health, Stone told reporters in Berlin.

Douglas was meant was meant to accompany him on a promotion tour in Europe, but Stone said Douglas remained in the U.S. for further cancer treatments.

Douglas, who turned 66 this year, revealed his battle with throat cancer in August.

New York-based publicist Allen Burry said Douglas finished his treatments last week.

"Doctors were very pleased and have scheduled no more treatments,'' he said.

Burry said Douglas has a six- to eight-week period of recuperation.

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Moore dough for Demi

Actress to sell two 19th century European paintings at NYC auction Bouguereau and Stevens pieces could make the star $1.5M wealthier

Demi Moore is selling two 19th century European paintings at auction, including a French work the actress says inspired her because of the artist's depiction of strong women.

William Bouguereau's Frere et Soeur, an oil painting of a young woman tenderly holding her baby brother, could fetch up to $1.5 million at Sotheby's on Nov. 4.

It was painted in 1887 by the French artist whose work is enjoying renewed interest.

Moore's other painting, Mere et Ses Enfants by Belgian painter Alfred Stevens, is estimated to bring up to $200,000.

▶ Mere et Ses Enfants by 19th century Belgian painter Alfred Stevens

While she loves both paintings, Moore said, "with the renovation and new direction our home is taking, it is time for a change."

The actress acquired the works in 1995 at a Christie's auction, paying $178,500 for Frere et Soeur and $200,500 for the Stevens painting.

"I find Bouguereau to be particularly engaging for me personally and have chosen to hold on to a smaller piece to carry with me throughout the years," said the star known for her work in such films as Ghost, Indecent Proposal and A Few Good Men.

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Jury in session

Panel discusses Anna Nicole Smith drug conspiracy case Medication was for pain, defence argues

A jury has begun deliberations in the highly publicized drug conspiracy case against Anna Nicole Smith's two doctors and her lawyer-boyfriend.

After nine weeks of testimony and arguments, the panel of six women and six men began considering 11 charges Monday.

Jurors must decide whether the defendants provided excessive opiates and sedatives to the former Playboy model knowing she was an addict.

Defence lawyers have said that Anna Nicole Smith was not an addict and the medications were for pain.

Drs. Sandeep Kapoor and Khristine Eroshevich and Smith's boyfriend Howard K. Stern have pleaded not guilty to charges including prescribing under false names.

They are not charged in Smith's 2007 overdose death in Florida.

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▶ The late Anna Nicole Smith is shown exiting the U.S. Supreme Court with attorney and eventual boyfriend Howard K. Stern in 2006

Cox-Arquette hyphen no longer needed

Courteney Cox and David Arquette have separated, they announced in a statement this week. "We have agreed to a trial separation that dates back for some time," the statement read. "We are comfortable with the boundaries that we have established for each other during this separation." And sources are saying that Arquette has already moved on — with a Los Angeles bartender named Jasmine Waltz. "Jasmine and David have been hooking up recently," a source tells Life & Style. Waltz was also accused recently of punching Lindsay Lohan in the face at nightclub Voyeur.

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Radcliffe looking forward to the stage

Daniel Radcliffe is looking forward to his return to Broadway for more than one reason. The Harry Potter star is set to star in a revival of How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying, and he can't wait to meet his co-stars. "I've been in relationships from the age of 14 and now I'm single," he tells Dazed and Confused magazine. "I said to a friend the other day, 'Dude, I'm doing a show with dancers. I've got to be single.' He was like, 'Don't sleep with anyone in your own show. That's a mistake.' It's good advice. But I'm not sure I'll stick to it." METRO

Friends' star weds

While former Friends castmate Courteney Cox's marriage is ending, David Schwimmer recently tied the knot, according to Hollyscoop. The actor married his British girlfriend, Zoe Buckman, in June but managed to keep it out of the press.

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Celebrity tweets

Judd Apatow [@JuddApatow] I can see how reading other people's tweets can suck up all the free time in my life. I need to reconsider this hobby.

50 Cent [@50cent] It kills me when people try to front like I'm not nice. Maybe after the next 40 million records sold they will keep it real.

Snooki [@Sn00ki] Dear youtube, please hurry up your maintenance so my video can upload. thanks

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Moss says coke scandal helped her career

While it may seem like Kate Moss' cocaine scandal in 2005 hurt her career, her agent insists it actually helped. "I basically just spent a lot of time on the phone trying to reassure her big clients that you can't believe everything you read and, unfortunately, all press actually is good press in this world we live in," agent Sarah Doukas says in a BBC radio interview. The Daily Mail reports that Moss' annual profits have doubled since the scandal, from $3.2 million to $6.3 million.

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Tweeting to Demi's heart

Ashton Kutcher is ignoring infidelity rumours and talking about how he and wife Demi Moore show their affection — by using Twitter. "A lot of times my wife and I sit across from each other and Tweet. It's a little bizarre," he tells Reuters while in Israel this week. "It's the same reason why you send roses to a woman at work. Sometimes people like to be adored in public." A Kutcher spokesperson denies the couple is in Israel to secretly renew their wedding vows, as sources have claimed.

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More dish

Aguilera splits with hubby

After five years of marriage, Christina Aguilera and husband Jordan Bratman have separated, according to Us Weekly. "They are now living apart, and they will see how that goes," says a source close to the singer. "They were very much in love, but over the last six months, it — became clear they were more like friends than husband and wife." Aguilera had reportedly suggested they use their August trip to Italy to rekindle their romance, "but it didn't help," the source says.

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Nici now in hospital

Irma Nici, the alleged prostitute being sued by David Beckham over claims she had sex with him, has been hospitalized with heart trouble, according to Page Six. A spokesperson for Nici says her health was weakened by stress. Beckham is suing Nici for $7 million, insisting her claims that they slept together several times are false. METRO

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Everybody is relaxed in Jamaica, even apparently the sharks who will sit on your lap ● If you've swam with the dolphins and petted stingrays, then jump in with Jaws ● Just make sure to bring a change of underwear

FLICKR: TOO SWEET

▶ St. Thomas Lighthouse, Jamaica.

Learning to love sharks up close and personal

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Jamaica brings a new twist to that bad old joke "Is that a Shark in your lap, or are you just happy to see me"?

This gorgeous island nation offers many strange and wonderful adventures, but perhaps the strangest (and scariest) happens at Dolphin Cove outside the city of Ochos Rios.

Here, you can swim with dolphins, handle tame stingrays, and even brave the very surreal experience of having a very real, and lively shark on your lap!

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▶ Darren Parkman got right in there with a nurse shark.

Yes … a deadly shark, with real teeth.

I jumped into a shark infested pool, and reluctantly plunked myself down on a chair submerged below the water, just in time for a trained guide to toss a giant 10 foot nurse shark directly onto my lap. Was I close to having a heart attack, or a bladder accident? Admittedly, yes!

At first this huge shark just seemed to lie there resting, while my quivering hand gingerly stroked its sandpaper-like back. Nurse sharks have literally thousands of serrated teeth, and have been known to bite humans when they are annoyed. I was doing my absolute best not to annoy this shark on my lap.

Then, to be funny, my guide quickly fed the shark a fish, and it suddenly started thrashing around in a feeding frenzy, right there on my lap. I didn't find this all that funny. More horrifying, actually. Still, when it was all over and I emerged shaking, but alive from the water. I felt almost proud.

Be warned though, if you decide to partake in this adventure, expect a crowd of other tourists to gather and laugh hysterically at the look of terror on your face, when they put that shark on your lap.

Must do activities while in Jamaica

Martha Brae River Rafting:
For about C$30, it's a leisurely two-hour trip down a slow moving river, surrounded by thick jungle like growth and wildlife. After launching about 90 minutes from Montego Bay, you can leisurely sip a Red Stripe beer, while watching for wild parrots and native birds. Each raft has it's own captain, so there's no paddling, just relaxing.

Shopping near Montego Bay:
The island has the usual tourist shops featuring carvings, paintings and souvenirs, but you will get great bang for your buck. $10 Canadian equals more than $800, so you'll have money left over for a famous Jamaican jerk chicken. Local merchants are especially friendly and helpful.

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▶ River rafting.

Britain's crooked church

St. Martin's gives visitors bizarre experience Each part of building seems to tilt in a different direction

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▶ Church warden Jim Keates walks in front of St. Martin's.

St. Martin's in the Welsh hamlet of Cwmyoy has been called the crookedest church in Britain. Undoubtedly true, some visitors might say, but here's another possible label: most bizarre church anywhere.

The bell tower bends sharply northward at an angle greater than the Leaning Tower of Pisa, hovering above a churchyard where old gravestones are similarly askew. The opposite end of the church tilts weirdly in the reverse direction, while windows and interior arches are slanted in various surprising ways.

Up on top, above a nave with a dozen rows of pews, sits the mossy — and seriously off-kilter — stone tile roof.

According to a recent assessment by structural engineers, medieval St. Martin's is getting even crookeder — but only slightly, says Jim Keates, the 70-year-old church warden, brushing aside a suggestion that he might be concerned about imminent collapse.

"No, no, no," he says before adding prudently: "Obviously, we must keep a very cautious eye on it."

Located halfway up a valley slope on an ultra-scenic route between the market town of Abergavenny and the book-lovers' mecca Hayon-Wye, St. Martin's has attracted visitors for centuries. In the Middle Ages pilgrims dropped by on their way to St. David's on the west coast of Wales. According to a papal decree, two pilgrimages to that holy site were considered equivalent to one to Rome.

These days there's a steady stream of tourists curious about a stone building that seems strangely alive, stretching and twisting as it settles into the soft ground like a cat in the sun.

Artist and author Caroline Downey has lived just steps from St. Martin's for 15 years and has long been fascinated by the church, painting it frequently. One of her portrayals, a psychedelic vision with swooping curves and vivid colours, won an international competition sponsored by the art supplies firm Daler-Rowney.

"It's a very special place. ... I'm so glad they didn't try and straighten it," Downey says.

Downey offers a whimsical explanation for the church's peculiar form. In one of her illustrated books she depicts a dragon sitting on the battlemented tower, its weight causing the structure to bend over. The winged beast watches dancing souls in the cemetery participating in a "G-rave."

It's not the only tale the church has inspired. Some residents of Cwmyoy (pronounced Coom-YOY) have suggested that St. Martin's was actually constructed crookedly, its builders having started their work after downing one or two or three pints too many at a local drinking spot.

The official, less colourful explanation is subsidence: it seems the church was built on unstable soil. A technical report posted near the entrance outlines the effects of an ice age landslide, noting that "the building has been subjected to long series of minor disturbances" as the slide debris settles. The end result is that no part of St. Martin's is at right angles with any other part.

Buttresses were added in the 1960s to provide support, but one has twisted a little while sinking into the ground, thus releasing pressure on a wall near the tower, according to the inspection last month by engineers who also found other signs of recent movement.

Outsiders may be amazed and amused, but Cwmyoy residents are proud of St. Martin's and its unofficial "crookedest church" status, Keates says. The wonky building suits the eccentric nature of the community, he adds.

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▶ What you pack in your backpack can make a world of difference.

Packing your bags

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Wonder what a woman carries in her backpack?

Here are several helpful "must-pack-this-in-my-backpack" picks. Some items are oh-so-practical, some are downright quirky and some are so smart that we wished that we'd thought about them first.

She's So Practical

1 Pack a folding umbrella that has an aluminum spine and handle. This type is more expensive, but it's so light, you'll almost forget you're carrying it.

2 In hot humid countries, a folding paper fan works wonders when waiting at bus stops or travelling by (non-air conditioned) vehicles.

3 A mini flashlight — the light disposable type is invaluable for Third World destinations where power failures are frequent.

All Bathrooms Aren't Created Equal

4 Always carry emergency toilet paper or a package of tissues. In some parts of the world, it's either very scarce or too coarse to be usable.

5 Handiwipes are perfect when hand-washing facilities aren't readily available.

She's Health Wise

6 Feel a cold coming on? Keep lots of chewable Vitamin C on hand. Many women swear by it.

7 No chicken soup available? For some women, Ancient Healing Formula in tea bag form is the anti-sniffles remedy of choice.

She Needs Her Beauty Sleep

8 Don't leave home without your eye-shades or your earplugs.

9 Carry clothespins for those hotel drapes that refuse to close properly. They're perfect for blocking out the early morning sun.

Ms. Fix-it

10 A small roll of electrical tape has a myriad of uses.

11 Don't throw away the plastic canister that your film comes in. They make perfect do-it-yourself sewing kits.

She's a Hungry Girl

12 Many hotels and B&B's now provide electric kettles in their guest rooms. It's great to have packets of dehydrated soups..

Girl Travellers Have Special Needs!

13 Having your period while travelling can make your body feel extra tired. Pack dried fruit and pop them at "period time."

Making Connections

14 When on holiday,leave those formal business cards behind. Instead carry colourful postcards from home and give your new acquaintances a glimpse of where you live.

She Finds Many Uses For One Item

15 Always carry a few cotton handkerchiefs. They're cheap, they're light, they fold flat and they serve a 1,000 purposes.

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4 top backpacks

Cutest: Jeep Floral

From the makers of the quintessential rough-and–ready, super-rugged, battle-field automobile comes … er, a lovely flowery backpack. And, compared to most standard rucksacks (any colour as long as it's black) the Floral is very pretty. But, as you might expect, it's also purposeful. It's well designed and well stitched together, with a double-strength base and scuff-resistant fabric, good wide straps and effective airflow system.

Most organized: RipCurl Ultimate Backpack

If you are the kind of person who folds laundry when you take it out of the dryer then this is for you. It has more compartments and more specific pockets than just about any other rucksack I have ever seen. It's fabulously well made though, with waterproof sections for hiking/gym gear and the now mandatory laptop pocket, MP3 link and lots of meshing.

Lightest: North Face Jester

This 30 litre backpack has a whiff of student about it and indeed it would not be out of place on any campus. Weighing in at just 0.74kg it's the lightest of our five and it simple layout is a great example of less being more. It's a very well-made piece of outdoor kit in its own right though.

Best in town: Osprey Comet

This pack is part of the 24/7 range purpose-built to 'bridge-the-gap between the hill and high-street' and it does it very well indeed. All packs feature key hiking must-haves such as a sternum strap with whistle buckle, walking pole loop plus in-town necessities like MP3 pocket, elasticated laptop sleeve with padded base, a mini-organiser in the front stash pocket. It's comfy to wear and unfussy. METRO

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▶ Avocado Banana Rice Mash.

RECIPE

Making your own baby food is easy

Here are two nutritious recipes to appeal to your little one.

Avocado Banana Rice Mash

Preparation:

1. In a bowl, stir together rice, avocado, banana and applesauce until well combined. Refrigerate leftovers for up to 2 days.

Rice Pudding

Preparation:

1. In a medium saucepan, combine rice and water. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat. Cover, reduce heat and cook until rice is tender and most of the liquid has been absorbed, about 20 minutes.
2. Stir in apple, banana and milk and cook for 10 minutes. Sprinkle with cinnamon, if desired.

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Ingredients:

Avocado Banana Rice Mash

- 250 ml (1 cup) cooked white or brown rice
- 1/2 avocado, mashed
- 1/2 banana, mashed
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) unsweetened applesauce

Rice Pudding

- 125 ml (1/2 cup) uncooked rice
- 500 ml (2 cups) water
- 1 medium apple, peeled, cored and grated
- 1 mashed banana
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) fortified rice milk or cow's milk
- Pinch cinnamon

Introduce infants to homemade baby food

HANDOUT

▶ Making your own baby food can be fun and it'll also taste delicious for your baby. Seen here is some rice pudding, recipe at left.

While jarred baby food is 'akin to cat food,' if you make your own it can taste good enough for baby, mother and father to eat

Chances are that if you are attuned to eating locally grown, fresh food, you'll also want your baby to do the same. Such food is unlikely to be found in jars of commercial baby food, however. But you can be sure your baby will eat well and healthfully if you make some of his or her meals at home using much of what the rest of the family is eating.

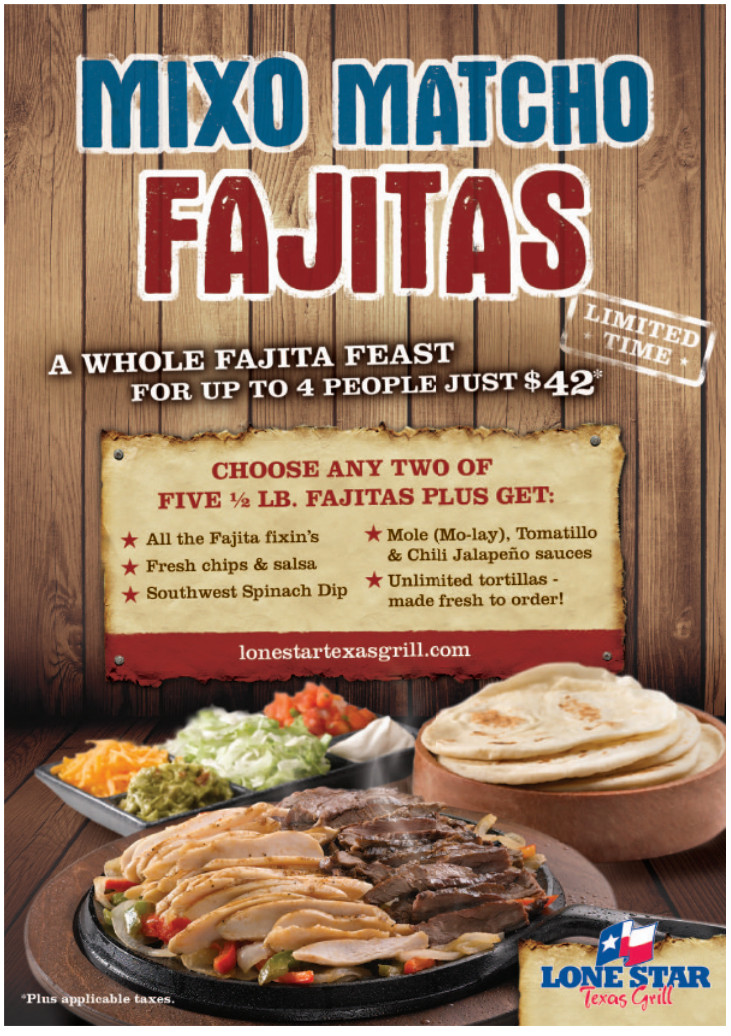
"Whatever is seasonal and whatever you have on hand can be given to your baby," says Nicole Young of Toronto. She is a trained chef, food stylist, recipe developer, food writer and the mother of two children.

"If you have ever looked at jars of baby food in the supermarket and in particular strained chicken, it is akin to cat food and is gross," she says.

Young says that there are many benefits to giving your child homemade baby food.

"You are choosing the produce so it is going to be higher quality, it is going to taste better as it is real food and you are going to get the baby to table foods much faster."

Here's a tip: If you are cooking chicken for dinner, set aside a little bit for baby. Don't salt it. Cook and purée or shred it, she suggests. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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Fishy past can trip up job hunt

Overcome the stigma of criminal record or employment gap Don't be afraid to sign background check

▶ The first position you get after an employment gap can help put the whole mess behind you.

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Leaping over the usual job search hurdles — computerized resume scans, scripted job interviews, routine background checks and calls placed to references — is a daunting enough feat in an ice age of hiring freezes and a high unemployment.

Bury a criminal record, a youthful mishap, or even an eyebrow-arching employment gap onto that resume, and you could easily feel like the last untouchable the corporate community will ever deign to hire.

That self-skepticism, motivational coach Eric Mayo warns, is one of the true burdens of a criminal past.

"I wouldn't rule out applying to a job you feel qualified for," he encourages.

"You may get only some of the jobs you apply for, but you get none of the jobs you don't apply for."

That said, some enterprises put out a softer welcome mat than others. The powers-that-hire at small businesses or independent temping agencies are more likely to shrug their shoulders at a one-off battle with the law than an HR rep towing multinational corporate policy.

But if those mom-and-pop storefronts do ask for a background check, career consultant Cynthyia Shapiro recommends the "Sign-and-Smile" strategy.

"The trick that companies have figured out is that if they put this background check form thing in front of you, nine times out of ten, you'll confess," she explains. "So sign it with a big smile on your face, hand it back, say thanks — and hope they don't actually check."

A more direct answer, however, may require a more direct answer, Mayo cautions.

When confronted about a lapse in your career history or some red ink on your police papers, he suggests the following response: "I'm glad you asked about that because I want you to feel comfortable hiring me. I've made some bad choices, but I've learned from them."

"Focus less on the past than on what you've been doing since, like continuing your education," he offers. "Be honest. If someone asks you a straight question, give them a straight answer."

resume writing

Author a skills-based resume that clusters job experience around the qualifications demanded by the want ad. That, Mayo notes, can leaf over a hole in your job record — and maybe land you that first post you need to put the whole mess behind you.

News in brief

New lab opens at University of Guelph

ANIMAL HEALTH The University of Guelph has opened the doors to a $62-million Pathobiology and Animal Health Laboratory.

The lab will house nearly 250 researchers, technicians, and educators dedicated to understanding animal illnesses that impact human health.

The 126,000-square-foot, four-storey facility features a 120-seat lecture theatre, flexible lab space, seminar rooms, teaching labs, and office space. University president Alastair Summerlee says the structure places Guelph at the forefront of improving the health of animals, humans, and the environment. METRO

Enrolment rises at Quebec universities

STUDENTS According to figures from the Conference of Rectors and Principals of Quebec Universities, total enrolment at provincial universities is up 3.7% this year, following a growth of 3.8% in 2009.

The number of students who have enrolled at the undergraduate level for the first time has risen by 5 per cent. Women are accounting for 58.5 per cent of enrolment at the undergraduate level, 56.7 per cent at the master's level, and 48.4 per ent at the PhD level. International-student enrolment at Quebec universities is up 5.4 per cent from fall 2009. METRO

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Social media can help you make friends but can it help you get a degree, or even a job?

Experts say yes, as long as you clean up your act a bit first.

Beyond offering fun ways of keeping in touch, online sites like Facebook, LinkedIn or ePortfolio.org hold a lot of potential for sharing ideas beyond the classroom and connecting you to employers.

Tim Richardson, a professor of e-commerce who teaches at the University of Toronto, uses social media sites like YouTube as a direct part of his classes and he encourages students to showcase the work they're proud of, like research presentations, online. He says social media can impact the classroom in a positive way because it often allows for active communication.

"Learning is not just about how we teach the course but it's about students teaching themselves. True communication is two-way, people have to be able to listen and respond to your ideas," Richardson said.

David Vogt, director of digital learning projects at the University of British Columbia's Faculty of Education, suggests the self-publishing aspects of social media can act as a kind of electronic resume but students also need to take command of their online image lest they reveal things that could harm their reputation.

"You have to think about managing your presence online and make sure there's not a bunch of embarrassing stuff out there about you. You also want to provide really accurate demonstrations of how you work. Think of anything you've done as resume material — everything digital about yourself you can aggregate," Vogt said.

Of course, online life can have its pitfalls — particularly those of the self-inflicted variety. The simple truth of the digital age is that if you put something into the public sphere, it can exist essentially forever, so make sure that any personal information you place online is of the kind that won't come back to haunt you.

"Be careful about privacy issues and remember that screen captures can live forever. When you're posting something and your 21, you don't want future employers, boyfriends or children asking about it years down the road," Richardson said.

social media tips

- **Electronic portfolio sites** like ePortfolio.org or LinkedIn can be a great way to put your best foot forward, but only if you keep them updated regularly. Always put your most recent, best work first and make sure all your posted information is current.
- **Consider creating** and posting a video resume that shows off your personality, professional appearance and communication skills
- **Pick one of** the social media sites you use to be your primary page, that way it'll be easier to control what gets revealed about you

▶ Do you have a great idea? Social media can help you get the message out to the world.

"The value of social media at school comes from a number of things — increased connectedness, building reputation, building presence and going outside of the boundaries of what's normal in the classroom."
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Accountants can Do More

Website encourages students to consider careers in accounting, finance CGA designation opens doors

The Certified General Accountants of Ontario has launched its Do More recruitment website in an effort to reach out to post-secondary school students who are considering a career in accounting and finance.

The objective of this interactive website, developed by GRIP Limited, is to deliver a Do More message that the CGA designation enables people with the opportunity to do more with their careers and within the organizations that they work for. It features unscripted testimonials from students in the CGA program of professional studies defining the benefits of becoming a certified general accountant and all that the designation brings to their life, career and profession. With $41,840 worth of giveaway prizes, the new website offers monthly prizes of $2,500 scholarships, three Do More credits valued at $660 each and two additional credits of $375, for a period of eight months, for the CGA program of professional studies. The more visitors participate, the more chances they have to win..

More details

To get more information and enter the contest visit the The Certified General Accountants of Ontario recruitment website at wcga-domore.org

"We are very excited to present this website to students in response to their need for more information about the CGA designation and why it could be the right choice for them," said Delmarie Scherloski, vice-president, marketing and communications, CGA Ontario.

"The content speaks to what a certified general accountant does, the benefits of earning the CGA designation, and how to enrol in the program of studies.

"If you want a rewarding career in accounting that goes beyond audit and tax, the CGA designation can take you there."

Students interested in the CGA designation can use this information to help them make critical career decisions.

They can also learn how to enrol in the CGA program of professional studies and browse an online job board featuring entry level accounting and finance positions.

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▶ The Do More recruitment site was set up in order to reach out to post-secondary school students who are considering a career in accounting and finance.

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COURTS SYMPATHETIC TO STAFF DISHONESTY

David Leitner could have made Pinocchio proud. But, as his employer Wyeth Canada recently learned, proof of workplace dishonesty may be present, but it seldom matters if the punishment doesn't fit the crime.

Having conducted a random audit into employee expense claims, Wyeth determined that Leitner had lied on a number of his claims and that he knowingly submitted personal receipts for reimbursement.

Leitner was summoned to an unscheduled interview and asked to justify his actions. Leitner explained that, he disliked filling out expense reports and often submitted the claim long after the expenses were incurred and when his recollection of the expense had long since faded. Further, since some of the receipts were missing, he admitted to using personal receipts instead.

"The legal doctrine of 'just cause' allows employers to terminate employees without notice or severance where their conduct is so grave, no employer should be expected to tolerate it."

Leitner adamantly denied trying to defraud the company. Instead, he pleaded that he was simply trying to get reimbursed for the money he spent.

Wyeth did not buy Leitner's explanation. The company believed he was dishonest to the point of being fraudulent. Although the total cost of the expenses in question was less than $500, Wyeth fired Leitner for "just cause."

The legal doctrine of "just cause" allows employers to terminate employees without notice or severance where their conduct is so grave, no employer should be expected to tolerate it.

However, Canadian courts only consider the most severe forms of misconduct sufficient to meet this test.

Here, Ontario Superior Court Justice Romain Pitt found that Leitner's termination for just cause was not justified. According to Justice Pitt, Leitner's conduct was more akin to recklessness not fraudulence and Wyeth should have considered his long record of good service before firing him for just cause. What can employees and employers take from this case?

— Employees should challenge being terminated for just cause, even if they have engaged in some misconduct. Given the courts' predilection for awarding severance, the ends often justify the means.

— Similarly, employers should not terminate employees for cause where another form of discipline is more appropriate. I have won cases by showing a suspension was more suitable than dismissal.

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Rule lets Devils use limited lineup

The New Jersey Devils have given the hockey world no shortage of things to talk about over the last few months.

The most recent topic of conversation is the cap-strapped team's decision to dress only 17 players against Pittsburgh Monday afternoon — a move that comes with plenty of interesting questions about the salary cap.

NHL teams are supposed to ice lineups with 20 players, including goaltenders. Injuries to Brian Rolston and Anton Volchenkov, and a one-game suspension to Pierre Luc Letourneau-Leblond accounted for New Jersey's missing players.

Under normal circumstances, a team would probably have called up some replacements from the American Hockey League. But the Devils didn't have room under the $59.4-million US salary cap to add anyone else to their roster.

As a result, they sent out just 15 skaters and two goaltenders in a 3-1 loss to the Penguins. The NHL allowed it to happen because the situation constituted an "emergency" — at least as it's applied to clause 16.4 (b) of the CBA: "Except in case of emergency, there shall be no reduction of the required minimum playing rosters of the clubs, below eighteen (18) skaters and two (2) goaltenders."

Fair enough. But what now? Devils GM Lou Lamoriello told reporters the team will dress 18 players for its game in Buffalo tonight, including newly signed forward Adam Mair.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Despatie dives to another gold

Quebec native on fire at Commonwealth Games

Alexandre Despatie's ninth career Commonwealth Games gold medal left the Quebec diver thinking of just one thing — rest and relaxation.

Despatie's third gold in as many days yesterday came as he combined with Reuben Ross of Pilot Butte, Sask., to win the three-metre synchronized springboard title.

"Right now, all I'm thinking about is that it's over and I'm going to take a week's vacation," Despatie said after the dramatic victory, which was sealed on the last dive.

"But we have a lot of work left to do before the season resumes. I've had a super season and I want things to continue like this toward (the Olympic Games of) 2012."

Despatie and Ross led most of the competition, but fell to second after the fifth round.

However, they finished with near-perfect marks for synchronization on their inward dive, the most difficult on their list, to win gold with 430.35 points. Australia was second, followed by Malaysia.

"We told each other it's never over until it's over," said Despatie. "We knew we could do that last dive very well. On the fourth dive we were a bit off on the synchro and the individual quality wasn't there on the fifth." THE CANADIAN PRESS

9 Despatie has won a Canadian record nine Commonwealth golds dating back to his first as a 13-year-old at the 1998 Games in Malaysia.

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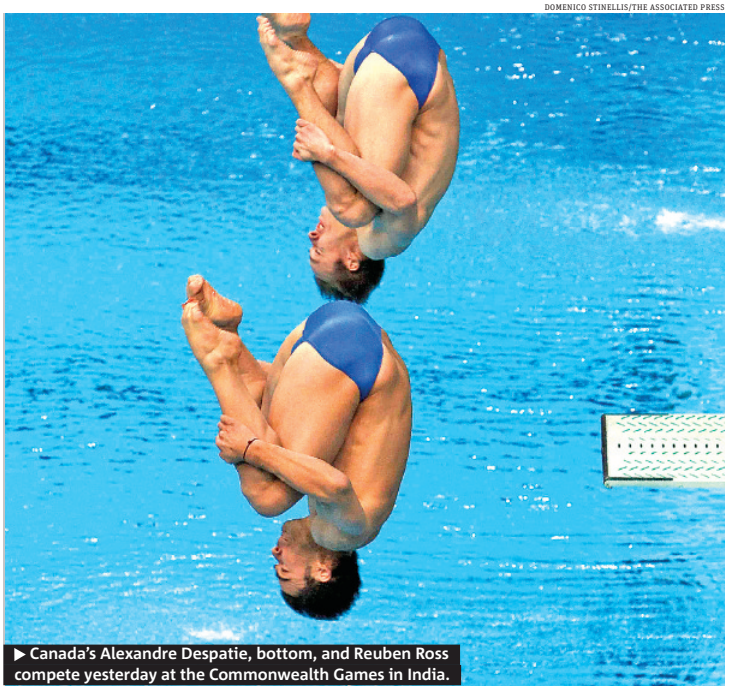

▶ Canada's Alexandre Despatie, bottom, and Reuben Ross compete yesterday at the Commonwealth Games in India.

4 sports

Quoted

"A lot of actions on the ice are regrettable. I've been given a suspension from the league and I'm going to accept it and move on from here."

ISLANDERS DEFENCEMAN JAMES WISNIEWSKI, WHO WAS SUSPENDED YESTERDAY BY THE NHL FOR TWO GAMES BECAUSE OF AN OBSCENE GESTURE HE MADE TOWARD SEAN AVERY DURING A GAME MONDAY.

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Philadelphia	3	2	0	1	0	8	6	5	1-0-0-0	1-0-1-0	2-0-1-0	W1
d-Toronto	2	2	0	0	0	8	3	4	2-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	2-0-0-0	W2
d-Carolina	2	2	0	0	0	6	4	4	1-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	2-0-0-0	W2
Washington	3	2	1	0	0	12	8	4	2-0-0-0	0-1-0-0	2-1-0-0	W2
NY Islanders	2	1	0	0	1	10	9	3	1-0-0-1	0-0-0-0	1-0-0-1	W1
Tampa Bay	1	1	0	0	0	5	3	2	1-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	W1
NY Rangers	2	1	1	0	0	10	9	2	0-0-0-0	1-1-0-0	1-1-0-0	L1
Atlanta	2	1	1	0	0	7	7	2	1-0-0-0	0-1-0-0	1-1-0-0	L1
Boston	2	1	1	0	0	5	5	2	0-1-0-0	1-0-0-0	1-1-0-0	W1
Montreal	2	1	1	0	0	5	5	2	0-0-0-0	1-1-0-0	1-1-0-0	W1
Buffalo	3	1	2	0	0	8	11	2	0-2-0-0	1-0-0-0	1-2-0-0	L2
Pittsburgh	3	1	2	0	0	7	7	2	0-2-0-0	1-0-0-0	1-2-0-0	W1
New Jersey	3	0	2	1	0	6	14	1	0-1-1-0	0-1-0-0	0-2-1-0	L3
Ottawa	3	0	2	1	0	4	10	1	0-1-0-0	0-1-1-0	0-2-1-0	L3
Florida	2	0	2	0	0	3	5	0	0-0-0-0	0-2-0-0	0-2-0-0	L2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Detroit	3	2	0	0	1	11	7	5	1-0-0-1	1-0-0-0	2-0-0-1	L1
d-Dallas	2	2	0	0	0	9	7	4	0-0-0-0	2-0-0-0	2-0-0-0	W2
d-Edmonton	2	2	0	0	0	7	2	4	2-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	2-0-0-0	W2
St. Louis	2	2	0	0	0	7	2	4	2-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	2-0-0-0	W2
Colorado	3	2	1	0	0	11	11	4	1-0-0-0	1-1-0-0	2-1-0-0	W1
San Jose	2	1	0	1	0	5	5	3	1-0-0-0	0-0-1-0	1-0-1-0	L1
Vancouver	2	1	0	0	1	3	3	3	1-0-0-1	0-0-0-0	1-0-0-1	W1
Chicago	3	1	1	1	0	9	10	3	0-1-0-0	1-0-1-0	1-1-1-0	W1
Nashville	1	1	0	0	0	4	1	2	1-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	W1
Columbus	2	1	1	0	0	5	5	2	1-0-0-0	0-1-0-0	1-1-0-0	W1
Phoenix	2	1	1	0	0	5	5	2	0-1-0-0	1-0-0-0	1-1-0-0	L1
Los Angeles	2	1	1	0	0	3	4	2	0-0-0-0	1-1-0-0	1-1-0-0	L1
Calgary	2	1	1	0	0	3	5	2	1-0-0-0	0-1-0-0	1-1-0-0	W1
Minnesota	2	0	1	0	1	4	6	1	0-1-0-0	0-0-0-1	0-1-0-1	L2
Anaheim	3	0	3	0	0	2	13	0	0-0-0-0	0-3-0-0	0-3-0-0	L3

d — division leader; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OL (other loss) column.

Last night's results
Colorado 5 Detroit 4 (SO)
Atlanta at Los Angeles
Monday's results
Vancouver 2 Florida 1
Washington 3 Ottawa 2 (OT)
Chicago 4 Buffalo 3
N.Y. Islanders 6 N.Y. Rangers 4
Philadelphia 4 Colorado 2
Pittsburgh 3 New Jersey 1
St. Louis 5 Anaheim 1
Tonight's games
(All times Eastern)
New Jersey at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Washington, 7 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.
Nashville at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Anaheim, 10 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
Tampa Bay at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Carolina at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
St. Louis at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Edmonton at Minnesota, 8:30 p.m.
Detroit at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Florida at Calgary, 9 p.m.
Friday's games
Colorado at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Toronto at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Montreal at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta at Anaheim, 10 p.m.
Vancouver at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
Roy, Buf	4	1	5
Hossa, Chi	3	2	5
Ovechkin, Wash	3	2	5
Comeau, NYI	3	1	4
Dubinsky, NYR	3	1	4
Horton, Bos	3	1	4
Leopold, Buf	2	2	4
Bailey, NYI	1	3	4
Carlson, Wash	1	3	4
Martin, Pgh	1	3	4
B.Richards, Dal	1	3	4
Ennis, Buf	0	4	4
Morrow, Dal	3	0	3
Stepan, NYR	3	0	3
Arnott, NJ	2	1	3
Bickell, Chi	2	1	3
Fehr, Wash	2	1	3
Goligoski, Pgh	2	1	3
Huselius, Clb	2	1	3
Kessel, Tor	2	1	3
Laich, Wash	2	1	3
MacArthur, Tor	2	1	3
Moulson, NYI	2	1	3
D.Sedin, Vcr	2	1	3
Stamkos, TB	2	1	3
Vrbata, Phx	2	1	3
Anisimov, NYR	1	2	3
Bertuzzi, Det	1	2	3
Elias, NJ	1	2	3
Fleischmann, Wash	1	2	3
Girardi, NYR	1	2	3
J.Jokinen, Car	1	2	3
Nielsen, NYI	1	2	3
Stafford, Buf	1	2	3
Weight, NYI	1	2	3

Not including last night's games

LATE MONDAY

CANUCKS 2, PANTHERS 1

First Period
1. Vancouver, D.Sedin 1 (Samuelsson, H.Sedin) 12:39
Penalty — Alberts Vcr (hooking) 18:33.
Second Period
2. Florida, Olesz 1 (Santorelli, Stillman) 19:22
Penalties — Samuelsson Vcr (slashing) 1:24, H.Sedin Vcr (hooking) 15:05.
Third Period
3. Vancouver, D.Sedin 2 (H.Sedin, Samuelsson) 14:52
Penalties — None.
Shots on goal by

Florida	12	10	20	42
Vancouver	12	11	12	35

Goal — Florida: Vokoun (L,0-2-0); Vancouver: Luongo (W,1-0-1).
Power plays (goals-chances) — Florida: 0-3; Vancouver: 0-0.
Referees — Ian Walsh, Brad Watson. **Linesmen** — Darren Gibbs, Mike Cvik.
Attendance — 18,860 (18,860) at Vancouver.

MLB

2010 POSTSEASON

DIVISION SERIES
AMERICAN LEAGUE
Tampa Bay vs. Texas
(Series tied 2-2)
Last night's result
Texas at Tampa Bay
Minnesota vs. New York
(New York wins series 3-0)
NATIONAL LEAGUE
Philadelphia vs. Cincinnati
(Philadelphia wins series 3-0)
San Francisco vs. Atlanta
(San Francisco wins series 3-1)

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES
AMERICAN LEAGUE
Friday's game
New York (Sabathia 21-7) at Tampa Bay-Texas winner, 8:07 p.m.
Saturday's game
New York (Pettitte 11-3 or Hughes 18-8) at Tampa Bay-Texas winner, 4:07 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 18
Tampa Bay-Texas winner at New York (Hughes 18-8 or Pettitte 11-3), 8:07 p.m
Tuesday, Oct. 19
Tampa Bay-Texas winner at New York (Burnett 10-15), 8:07 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 20
Tampa Bay-Texas winner at New York, 4:07 p.m., if necessary

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Saturday's game
San Francisco (Lincecum 16-10) at Philadelphia (Halladay 21-10), 7:57 p.m.
Sunday's game
San Francisco (Cain 13-11) at Philadelphia (Oswalt 13-13), 8:19 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 19
Philadelphia (Hamels 12-11) at San Francisco (Sanchez 13-9), 4:19 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 20
Philadelphia at San Francisco, 7:57 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 21
Philadelphia at San Francisco, 7:57 p.m., if necessary

LATE MONDAY

GIANTS 3, BRAVES 2

San Francisco	ab	r	h	bi	Atlanta	ab	r	h	bi
ATorrs cf	4	0	0	0	OInfant 2b	5	1	1	0
FSnchz 2b	4	0	0	0	M.Diaz lf	3	0	1	0
A.Huff 1b	3	1	1	0	MeCarr ph-lf	2	0	0	0
BrWlsn p	0	0	0	0	D.Lee 1b	4	0	0	0
Posey c	4	1	1	0	McCnn c	3	1	2	2
Burrell lf	2	0	0	0	McLoth pr	0	0	0	0
SCasill p	0	0	0	0	D.Ross c	0	0	0	0
JaLopz p	0	0	0	0	AlGnzlz ss	4	0	1	0
Ishikaw ph-1b	1	0	0	0	Heywrd rf	4	0	2	0
Uribe ss-3b	3	0	0	1	Glaus 3b	3	0	0	0
Fontent 3b	2	0	0	0	Venters p	0	0	0	0
Rownd ph	1	0	0	0	Kimrel p	0	0	0	0
Schrhlt rf	0	0	0	0	Conrad ph	1	0	0	0
C.Ross rf-lf	3	1	2	2	Ankiel cf	2	0	0	0
Bmgrn p	2	0	0	0	D.Lowe p	2	0	0	0
Renteri ss	1	0	1	0	Moylan p	0	0	0	0
DHrndz 3b	1	0	0	0					
Hinske ph	0	0	0	0					
THudsn pr	0	0	0	0					
Totals	**30**	**3**	**5**	**3**	**Totals**		**34**	**2**	**7**	**2**

San Francisco	000	001	200	3
Atlanta	001	001	000	2

E—Fontenot (1), Ale.Gonzalez 2 (2). DP—Atlanta 2. LOB—San Francisco 2, Atlanta 9. HR—C.Ross (1), McCann (1). CS—A.Torres (2). SF—McCann.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
San Francisco						
Bumgarner W,1-0	6	6	2	2	1	5
S.Casilla H,1	1 2-3	1	0	0	0	2
Ja.Lopez H,2	1-3	0	0	0	0	1
Br.Wilson S,2-3	1	0	0	0	2	1
Atlanta						
D.Lowe L,0-2	6 1-3	2	3	2	2	8
Moylan BS,1-1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Venters	1 2-3	3	0	0	0	2
Kimbrel	1	0	0	0	0	1

T—2:56. A—44,532 (49,743) at Atlanta.

GAMES

COMMONWEALTH GAMES
At New Delhi

WHAT CANADA DID

DIVING
Men
3-metre synchronized: Alexandre Despatie, Laval, Que., and Reuben Ross, Pilot Butte, Sask., won gold.
Women
1-metre springboard: Jennifer Abel, Laval, Que., wins gold; Emelie Heymans, St-Lambert, Que., won bronze.

FIELD HOCKEY
Men
Canada def. Malaysia 3-2 in seventh-place game.

RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS
Women
Team:Canada wins silver.

RUGBY SEVENS
Men
Canada finishes eighth, loses 17-10 to Papua New Guinea in consolation Bowl final.

SHOOTING
Women
10-metre air pistol pairs: Dorothy Ludwig, Langley, B.C., and Lynda Hare, Calgary, win bronze.

TRACK AND FIELD
Men
4x100 relay: Canada (Hank Palmer, Lasalle, Que.; Seyi Smith, Ottawa; Jared Connaughton, New Haven, P.E.I.; Sam Effah, Calgary), disqualified for exchange violations.
Women
Pole vault: Carly Dockendorf, Port Moody, B.C., and Kelsie Hendry, Saskatoon, tied for third, 4.25.
800 metres: Megan Wright, Edmonton, eighth, 16:55.86.
4x400 relay: Canada (Amonn Nelson, Calgary; Adrienne Power, Halifax; Vicki Tolton, Smithers, B.C.; Carline Muir, Edmonton), fourth, 3:30.20.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

MLB
AMERICAN LEAGUE
DETROIT TIGERS — Declined their 2011 contract option on OF Maggio Ordonez.
NATIONAL LEAGUE
CHICAGO CUBS — Announced the retirement of ticket operations director Frank Maloney, effective at the end of the 2010 calendar year.

FOOTBALL

NFL
BUFFALO BILLS — Signed LB Thomas Williams to the practice squad.
CLEVELAND BROWNS — Re-signed QB Brett Ratliff. Terminated the contract of WR Sam Aiken.
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Placed OL Nick Kaczur on injured reserve.

HOCKEY

NHL
ANAHEIM DUCKS — Signed G Igor Bobkov to a three-year contract.
BOSTON BRUINS — Assigned G Nolan Schaefer to Providence (AHL).
CAROLINA HURRICANES — Assigned F Jiri Tlusty to Charlotte (AHL) for conditioning.
TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS — Waived D Jeff Finger.

SOCCER

MLS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
x-New York	28	14	8	6	35	27	48
x-Columbus	28	13	8	7	35	31	46
Kansas City	27	9	12	6	30	33	33
Chicago	27	8	11	8	33	35	32
Toronto FC	28	8	13	7	28	37	31
New England	28	8	15	5	31	48	29
Philadelphia	28	7	14	7	32	45	28
D.C. United	28	6	19	3	19	44	21

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
x-Los Angeles	28	17	6	5	41	22	56
x-Real Salt Lake	28	14	4	10	41	18	52
x-FC Dallas	28	12	2	14	41	24	50
x-Seattle	28	13	9	6	36	32	45
x-San Jose	27	12	8	7	30	28	43
Colorado	28	11	8	9	39	29	42
Chivas USA	27	8	15	4	29	36	28
Houston	28	7	15	6	37	48	27

x — clinched playoff berth.
Last night's result
Kansas City at Chicago
Friday's game
(All times Eastern)
Chivas USA at Seattle, 11 p.m.

2012 EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFYING
Group A
Azerbaijan 1, Turkey 0
Belgium 4, Austria 4
Kazakhstan 0, Germany 3
Group B
Armenia 4, Andorra 0
Macedonia 0, Russia 1
Slovakia 1, Ireland 1
Group C
Estonia 0, Slovenia 1
Faeroe Islands 1, Northern Ireland 1
Italy 0, Serbia 0
(abandoned, 7 minutes, fan violence)
Group D
Belarus 2, Albania 0
France 2, Luxembourg 0
Group E
Finland 1, Hungary 2
Netherlands 4, Sweden 1
San Marino 0, Moldova 2
Group F
Greece 2, Israel 1
Latvia 1, Georgia 1
Group G
England 0, Montenegro 0
Switzerland 4, Wales 1
Group H
Denmark 2, Cyprus 0
Iceland 1, Portugal 3
Group I
Liechtenstein 0, Czech Republic 2
Scotland 2, Spain 3

CFL

WEEK 16

EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
x-Montreal	14	10	4	0	455	356	20
Hamilton	14	7	7	0	366	366	14
Toronto	14	7	7	0	283	363	14
Winnipeg	14	4	10	0	392	385	8

WEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
x-Calgary	14	10	4	0	471	341	20
x-Saskatchewan	14	9	5	0	399	369	18
B.C.	14	5	9	0	356	366	10
Edmonton	14	4	10	0	273	449	8

x — clinched playoff berth.
Friday's game
(All times Eastern)
Hamilton at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday's game
Edmonton at B.C., 10 p.m.
Sunday's games
Winnipeg at Montreal, 1 p.m.
Calgary at Saskatchewan, 4 p.m.

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

EAST	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Jets	4	1	0	.800	135	81
New England	3	1	0	.750	131	96
Miami	2	2	0	.500	66	92
Buffalo	0	5	0	.000	87	161

SOUTH	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	3	2	0	.600	118	136
Jacksonville	3	2	0	.600	107	137
Tennessee	3	2	0	.600	132	95
Indianapolis	3	2	0	.600	136	101

NORTH	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	4	1	0	.800	92	72
Pittsburgh	3	1	0	.750	86	50
Cincinnati	2	3	0	.400	100	102
Cleveland	1	4	0	.200	78	97

WEST	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Kansas City	3	1	0	.750	77	57
Oakland	2	3	0	.400	111	134
Denver	2	3	0	.400	104	116
San Diego	2	3	0	.400	140	106

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

EAST	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Washington	3	2	0	.600	89	92
N.Y. Giants	3	2	0	.600	106	98
Philadelphia	3	2	0	.600	122	103
Dallas	1	3	0	.250	81	87

SOUTH	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Atlanta	4	1	0	.800	113	70
Tampa Bay	3	1	0	.750	74	80
New Orleans	3	2	0	.600	99	102
Carolina	0	5	0	.000	52	110

NORTH	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Chicago	4	1	0	.800	92	74
Green Bay	3	2	0	.600	119	89
Minnesota	1	3	0	.250	63	67
Detroit	1	4	0	.200	126	112

WEST	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Arizona	3	2	0	.600	88	138
Seattle	2	2	0	.500	75	77
St. Louis	2	3	0	.400	83	96
San Francisco	0	5	0	.000	76	130

WEEK 5
Byes: Miami, New England, Pittsburgh, Seattle
Monday's result
N.Y. Jets 29 Minnesota 20
Sunday's results
Arizona 30 New Orleans 20
Atlanta 20 Cleveland 10
Baltimore 31 Denver 17
Chicago 23 Carolina 6
Detroit 44 St. Louis 6
Indianapolis 19 Kansas City 9
Jacksonville 36 Buffalo 26
N.Y. Giants 34 Houston 10
Oakland 35 San Diego 27
Philadelphia 27 San Francisco 24
Tampa Bay 24 Cincinnati 21
Tennessee 34 Dallas 27
Washington 16 Green Bay 13 (OT)

WEEK 6
Byes: Arizona, Buffalo, Carolina, Cincinnati
Sunday, Oct. 17
Seattle at Chicago, 1 p.m.
Miami at Green Bay, 1 p.m.
Kansas City at Houston, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
San Diego at St. Louis, 1 p.m.
Detroit at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m.
Baltimore at New England, 1 p.m.
Atlanta at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
New Orleans at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Denver, 4:05 p.m.
Oakland at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.
Dallas at Minnesota, 4:15 p.m.
Indianapolis at Washington, 8:20 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 18
Tennessee at Jacksonville, 8:30 p.m.

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▶ The smart alternator on Hyundai's Tucson helps save fuel.

Hyundai's Smart alternator

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Very seldom do auto companies make giant strides in fuel economy through the use of single technologies. More often, it's the result of small savings here and there, which all add up – including "smart" alternator technology used by companies such as Hyundai.

The alternator feeds the battery," says John Juriga, director of powertrain at the Hyundai Kia America Technical Center in Detroit, Michigan. "With a smart alternator, there's a constant check as to what the battery voltage is."

"They're small numbers (in fuel savings), but everything counts."
JOHN JURIGA, HYUNDAI DIRECTOR OF POWERTRAIN

If the battery doesn't need to be charged immediately, the smart alternator holds off.

The system primarily depends on the engine control module.

"It can decide when it makes the most sense to charge the battery, rather than just being ignorant of how the vehicle is operating," says Juriga.

Laramie combines power, luxury

Chrysler Group LLC unveiled the most luxurious Ram Truck ever produced by the company at the recent Texas State Fair.

Named the Ram Laramie Longhorn edition, the Ram lineup's most well-appointed model is designed for the owner who needs a truck for work or play, but won't settle for anything but the finest quality and refinement.

Inside and out, Laramie Longhorn is loaded with remarkable features.

Ram Laramie Longhorn edition models are prominently commemorated with distinctive Western-style exterior badges.

METROS

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In brief

Ford is preparing to take the wraps off a comprehensively redesigned, new-generation compact pick-up developed in Australia for sale in 180 global markets.
The all-new Ford Ranger will be unveiled at the Australian International Motor Show, on Friday. The new Ranger is designed and engineered at Ford Australia's Campbellfield product development facility.
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AFTER MORE THAN 80 YEARS, THE V8 STILL RULES

The latest Ford F-150 is a prime example

Henry Ford was backed into a corner. It was late in the 1920s, and both Plymouth and Chevrolet had modern cars with new six-cylinder engines. Ford, however, was still plugging away with the long-in-the-tooth four-cylinder Model A.

Chevy, in particular, was eating big chunks of Henry's lunch.

He knew he had to do something drastic.

He charged his best engineers to design a low-priced V8 motor with a one-piece cylinder block. Previous V8 designs had two or more sections, making them very labour intensive to build, and consequently, expensive.

The resulting motor displaced 221 cubic inches (3.6-litres), made 65 hp, and debuted in the 1932 Ford I8 (soon to be known and loved as "The Deuce").

Reliability didn't come overnight, but when it did, so did V8 love on a big scale. The mass-produced V8 was on its way to becoming the bedrock of the American auto industry, and an American icon.

Fast forward to the 2011 model year, and we see that Ford has once again done some heavy thinking about the V8. The current and best-selling F-150 full-size pickup has flaunted its "all V8" powertrain choices for some time now, but 2011 sees it embrace a new vision — two new V6s, and two new V8s.

It's the most extensive powertrain overhaul in the truck's 62-year history (see sidebar).

If you look at the numbers it's obvious the V6s can do the job and then some — and they promise "better-than-V8" fuel economy (though the new V8s also boast improved efficiency). This portends a "V6" sea change for the full-size pickup market, one of the last strongholds for V8 power.

But the inclusion of the new 5.0-litre V8, which also sees duty in the 2011 Mustang GT, speaks volumes about the continuing allure of the V8 engine.

V8s will never be totally eclipsed by the "super" V6s, even in the certainty of more stringent CAFE fuel efficiency standards, which has already started to thin out the V8 herd.

In addition to Ford's new V8 initiatives, GM is investing $839 million to upgrade a plant to build new all-aluminum V8s.

While turbo V6 engines do well on the EPA cycle, in the real world, some consumers can achieve equal fuel efficiency with their V8s, and prefer the V8's smoother torque delivery.

And they just plain sound better… puck-a, puck-a, puck-a (or something like that).

Speaking of sounds good, some argue that the first rock and roll song ever is Rocket 88, which literally sings the praises of the 1949 Oldsmobile Rocket 88, with its new and powerful Rocket V8 engine. Would we even have rock and roll if Oldsmobile had instead introduced the Rocket 66?

▶ The Ford F-150 comes in V8 or V6 .

"The inclusion of the new 5.0-litre V8 … speaks volumes about the continuing allure of the V8 engine."

Options

2011 Ford F-Series Power Options:

- 3.7-litre V6, with 303 hp and 278 torques, and 6,100 lbs towing capacity.
- 5.0-litre V8, with 360 hp and 380 torques, and 9,800 lbs towing capacity.
- 3.5-litre EcoBoost V6, with 360 hp and 420 torques, and 11,300 lbs towing capacity.
- 6.2-litre V8, with 411 hp and 434 torques, and 11,300 lbs towing capacity.

Correction

Fiesta is available now

Metro Drive reported that Ford Fiesta 2011 would be available in showrooms next summer. The Ford Fiesta 2011 subcompact model is available in showrooms now.

Interest in Leaf is electric

20,000 have signed up to buy Nissan's all-electric car That puts model well ahead of target

Consumer interest for the Nissan LEAF continues to grow, as Nissan North America Inc. announced its 20,000th reservation for the 100 per cent electric car.

Nissan had anticipated reaching its stated target of 20,000 reservations at the time of the first U.S. Nissan LEAF delivery, in December.

Nissan now is focusing on providing the best level of customer service and premium ownership experience to those who already have enrolled. A subsequent phase of reservations will begin next year, after current reservations and orders have been processed.

Consumers who already have made reservations will continue to have the opportunity to purchase or lease an all-electric Nissan LEAF. Nissan is following its planned order-release timing for existing reservationists.

Orders have been prioritized based on market timing and when consumers submitted their original reservations online and paid their refundable (US) $99 reservation fee.

Those who are interested in the Nissan LEAF but have yet to make reservations are invited to sign up for information and updates on www.nissanusa.com. CARGUIDE

Reservations

Achieving 20,000 reservations marks the successful completion of the first phase of the Nissan LEAF rollout, which began more than five months ago, and no further reservations will be taken until next year.

▶ Nissan's Leaf electric car is already sold out.

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The specs

- **MODEL** 2001 to 2006 BMW M3
- **VEHICLE TYPE** Coupe or convertible
- **APPROXIMATE USED PRICE RANGE** $17,500 to $27,000

▶ Some call the BMW M3 one of the ultimate sportscars of the modern era.

Many owners, reviewers, enthusiasts and even weekend motorsport aficionados say the last-generation BMW M3 is one of the ultimate sports cars of the modern era.

Though a huge price tag and relative exclusivity meant the M3 wasn't always an easily-attainable car, the last-generation model is now becoming a popular and more affordable used car buy than ever.

The last complete M3 generation was on sale to us Canadians from 2001 to 2006 inclusive. All models were rear-drive, two-doors offered in coupe or convertible body styles. The model launched with a 3.2 litre straight-six engine with 333 horsepower and 262 lb.-ft of torque.

Yee haw.

A six-speed stick was standard, and a six-speed Sequential Manual Gearbox (SMG) was added to the options list later in this generation's life.

The SMG transmission effectively automated the manual unit, putting two shifting modes at the driver's disposal.

The SMG was a high-tech toy enjoyed by many owners – though it was often considered harsh, clumsy and abrupt. Unproven reliability and a complex computer system will likely increase repair costs should the SMG require repair.

Those who prefer a stick-shift are advised to stick to their guns.

Other hardware included automatic climate control, a Harmon Kardon audio system, powered and heated leather seats, a self-dimming rearview mirror and a set of automatic xenon headlamps.

What owners like

Performance, prestige, exclusivity, brand reputation and styling all rate highly amongst last-generation M3 owners.

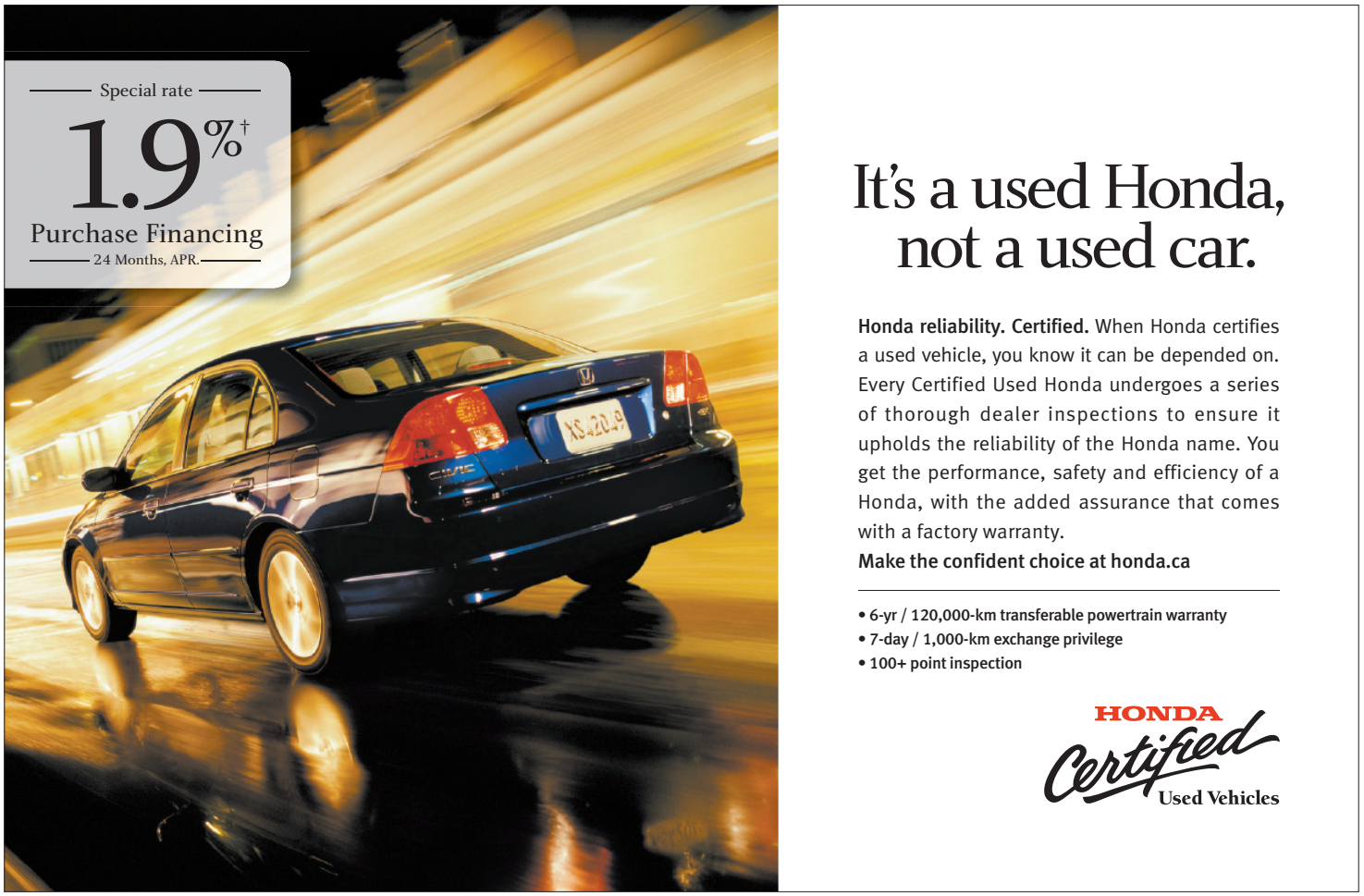
What owners hate

Common M3 complaints include a harsh ride on some surfaces, excessive fuel consumption and limited space and practicality.

Common issues

Numerous M3 models produced between early 2001 and mid 2003 were recalled for a bearing and lubrication problem that could cause engine failure. As such, avoid earlier models where possible.

Check the condition of consumable parts like tires, brakes and the clutch. A pre-purchase inspection by a BMW-trained technician can reveal a potentially expensive problem the seller may be trying to hide.



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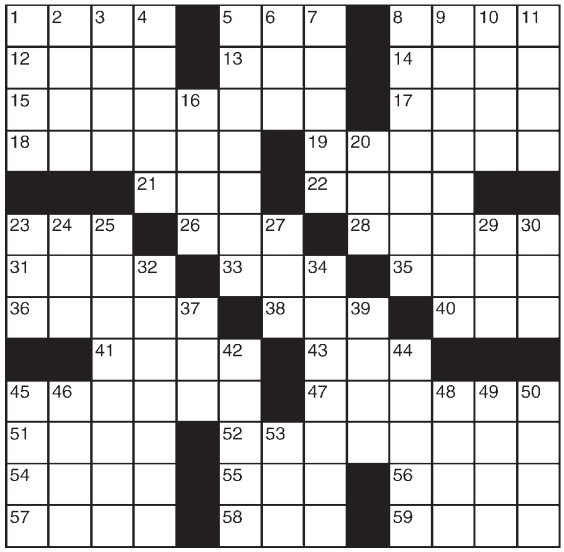

Across

1 Use a teaspoon
5 That woman
8 Wound cover
12 One of LBJ's daughters
13 Candle material
14 Jason's ship
15 Cute story
17 Bound
18 Package
19 Helicopter blades
21 Under the weather
22 Anything but that
23 Scenery chewer
26 Journey segment
28 Sleep soundly?
31 Final notice
33 — de plume
35 List-ending abbr.
36 Mexican money
38 Reaction to fireworks
40 Tackle's teammate
41 Resign
43 Insult (Sl.)
45 Curriculum component
47 Extreme selfishness
51 Stratford's river
52 "I Luv U" message
54 Clarinetist Fountain
55 Pendulum's place
56 Particular
57 Quarry
58 Attempt
59 Mafia boss

Down

1 Hit open-handedly
2 Albacore, e.g.
3 Bakery employee
4 Actress Christina
5 Distended
6 Chapeau
7 Put forth, as strength
8 Cracker type
9 Wood preservative
10 Culture medium
11 Conks on the noggin
16 Computer brand
20 Surprise cries
23 Go like a bunny
24 Copper head?
25 Interviewee's worry
27 Moo — gai pan
29 Scooted
30 Days of yore, once
32 U.S. Open, e.g.
34 Unwillingness to boast
37 One of the kin
39 Lofty
42 Entice
44 Video-game hedgehog
45 "Li'l Abner" creator
46 Finished
48 Tittle
49 Staircase part
50 "Note to self" note
53 Atmosphere

▶ Yesterday's answer

L	A	M	P	■	D	E	B	■	C	O	W	S
O	L	I	O	■	O	V	A	■	O	B	I	E
C	O	R	D	E	L	I	A	■	R	O	S	A
H	U	E	■	A	L	L	■	A	D	E	P	T
■	■	■	C	R	Y	■	T	H	O	■	■	■
F	U	T	O	N	■	Q	U	I	N	I	N	E
A	F	A	R	■	G	E	T	■	I	R	I	S
T	O	D	D	L	E	D	■	K	N	E	L	T
■	■	■	I	S	M	■	B	U	G	■	■	■
B	R	O	A	D	■	S	I	R	■	A	F	T
E	A	R	L	■	C	O	R	D	U	R	O	Y
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Sudoku

4				3	5	7		2
7	9						1	
				1	8		4	
	7					8		
			2		4			
		6					3	
	4		8	6				
	2						9	6
1		9	3	7				5

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

2	7	5	6	1	8	3	9	4
4	9	1	2	3	5	7	6	8
6	8	3	9	7	4	5	1	2
7	5	6	1	2	9	8	4	3
1	4	8	3	5	6	2	7	9
3	2	9	8	4	7	1	5	6
8	1	7	4	9	3	6	2	5
9	3	2	5	6	1	4	8	7
5	6	4	7	8	2	9	3	1

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Michele Gats...you need to know that I got ur back...that we're gonna make it through this. Nobody else brings me security like you do 1-4-3 Babe. **JG**

Mattie, from stupid decision to burnt pancakes at 3am to zombie apocalypse-ing,you are my best friend and quite simply the only one for me.<3 you always. **AJM**

Cristin- After five years of us you are still "kissing my teeth", that's because I am still smiling when you do. I love you so very much and always wake up happy because you are beside me, in everything, in life. **WITH ALL MY LOVE, YOUR (GROWLY) BEAR**

Kayla and Jerrie,
I don't know how I went this long without having such great friends. Thanks for the memories. Love you always and forever. **YOUR BOO MARK**

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 You may lose out in one area today but you will make up for it in another. Life is all about balance and circumstances will always conspire to bring you back to a point of equilibrium.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 Avoid entanglements of an emotional nature. Above all avoid situations where you may be required to take sides. You've got enough problems of your own to deal with.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 Some people you get along with and some people you don't and that's just the way it is. You don't have to apologize for avoiding someone you don't much like. Maybe they should apologize!

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Someone you have feelings for on a personal level will make it possible for you to get ahead professionally or financially today. It's not always the case that duty and pleasure should be kept apart.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 You will have to make some kind of sacrifice today but you won't mind a bit — in fact it will feel good to do something positive for those less fortunate than you.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 A friend desperately needs your assistance but is afraid to ask, not least because the mess they are in is somewhat embarrassing. Fortunately you will go out of your way to help.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 It may worry you that someone is being so secretive but you have nothing to fear. The reason they don't want you to know what they are up to is because they're afraid you won't approve.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 You may be going through a difficult phase but you are not alone. If you ask for help today you will be surprised by how much you get. It's called loyalty.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Play by the rules, even if you are pretty sure that you could get away with ignoring them. You may not realize it but you are a role model to a great many people.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Someone will flatter you shamelessly today and although you know they have ulterior motives it will still do your ego a power of good.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Is your work a chore? Then it's the wrong thing for you. Take time out of your busy schedule to ask yourself what kind of work would make you happy — then start moving towards that as your goal.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 A creative project will start to come right today and you will be delighted to have something to show for your efforts. But don't stop there. Now you've got the momentum going you must keep it going. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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